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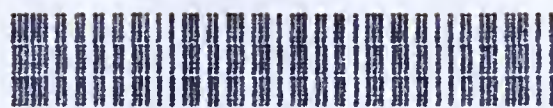
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M. E. Grand High Priest.

1901-1902.

PROCEEDINGS
OF
The Grand
Holy Royal Arch Chapter
OF PENNSYLVANIA
AND
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1919
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

PHILADELPHIA:

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THE GRAND
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OF PENNSYLVANIA
1795-1919

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

MARCH 6, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

PRESENT :

- Comp. JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E.
Grand King, . acting *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
- " PORTER W. LOWRY, P. G.
H. P. . . . as *M. E. Grand King.*
- " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P.
G. H. P. . . . as *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
- " THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
- " GEORGE B. WELLS, . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
- " WARREN T. WALKER, . . *Assistant Grand Secretary.*
- " REV. JOHN G. WILSON, . *Grand Chaplain.*
- " S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
- " BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
- " P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
- " ROBERT A. WALKER, . *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
- " GEORGE P. DARROW, . *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
- " FRANCIS L. BORIE, . *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
- " AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . *Grand Marshal.*
- " GEORGE B. HANNUM, . as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
- " JOHN FETCH, . . as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
- " CHARLES S. WOOD, . *Grand Pursuivant.*
- " WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . *Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS,
ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, WESLEY R. MORGAN, MILTON

E. GINGRICH, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, JAMES E. MORRIS, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, JAMES H. REEDER, WALTON K. SWETLAND, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDWARD HOPE, CHARLES B. RUCH, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions EDGAR A. TENNIS, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.

- “ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
- “ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
- “ CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
- “ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
- “ EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
- “ EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
- “ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- “ GEORGE A. GORGAS, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
- “ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
- “ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
- “ DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- “ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- “ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- “ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- “ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- “ PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
- “ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
- “ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
- “ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
- “ ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
- “ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
- “ WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 163, 169, 174, 175, 176, 179, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 196, 197, 200, 201, 202, 203, 208, 209, 215, 219, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 238, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 264, 266, 267, 271, 272, 273, 275, 276, 277, 279, 284, 293, 299, 301, 302. (63 Chapters.) (144 members.) (41 visitors.)

Distinguished Visitor:—R. E. Companion ELIAS WHITNEY, Past Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of New York.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Annual Grand Communication, held on Friday, December 27, 1918, were read and approved.

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand King, acting Most Excellent Grand High Priest, explained that the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, was absent from this Communication of Grand Chapter on account of being ill and confined to bed. He directed that the Most Excellent Grand Secretary convey to M. E. Companion DAVIS, by telegram, the greetings of Grand Chapter and the earnest wish for his speedy recovery.

Companion QUINBY also announced that the absence of the Most Excellent Grand Scribe was caused by his being out of the Jurisdiction.

Copies of proposed amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 174, 197, 202, 206, 240, 244, 256, 268 and 285 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, February 28, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer

and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from November 27, 1918, to February 21, 1919, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$18,057 80
“ Certificates	8 00
“ Constitutions	2 00
“ Dispensations	1 00
“ Interest on Deposits (Penna. Company)....	21 50
“ Interest on Investments	344 63
Total	\$18,434 93
To which add Balance November 27, 1918	1,266 64
	<hr/> \$19,701 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Clothing and Furniture	\$82 60
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	1,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,063 02
“ Expenses P. G. H. Priests and other Grand Officers	455 60
“ Instruction in the Work	160 00
“ Investments	6,569 28
“ Jewel, P. G. H. P. McConnell	150 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	347 65
“ Salaries	950 00
“ Telephones	32 88
“ Organist	20 00
“ Bond of Treasurer	12 50
“ Assistant Tyler	4 00
Total	\$10,847 53
To which add Balance February 21, 1919	8,854 04
	<hr/> \$19,701 57

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
J. THOMAS MOORE,

Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, March 6, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws begs leave to report that they have examined the proposed amendments to the By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 174 (two amendments), 197, 202, 206, 240, 244, 256, 268 and 285 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 6, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1918 were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder—the International Printing Company.

Proceedings will contain a half-tone of P. G. H. P. MICHAEL NISBET, who served in the years 1824 and 1825.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
GEORGE B. HANNUM,

Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that all General Returns from Chapters and Mark Lodges

had been received, and presented the following Annual Report of Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ended December 27, 1918:

PHILADELPHIA, March 6, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ended December 27, 1918, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership December 27, 1917, as per last report	38,459
Admitted during the year 1918	77
Restored to Membership in 1918	134
Marked, etc.	2,770
	— 2,981
	<u>41,440</u>

DEDUCT.

Died during 1918	810
Resigned or membership ceased	134
Suspended	236
	— 1,180

Membership December 27, 1918, per returns.....	40,260
A net gain of	1,801
Rejected	68
Restored G. M. S.	33

MARK LODGES.

Membership December 27, 1917, as per last report.....	180
Admitted during the year	2
	— 182

Died during the year	12
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Membership December 27, 1918, as per returns	170
Number of Chapters	145
Number of Mark Lodges	2

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

The death of M. E. Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Treasurer, which occurred on February 15, 1919, was announced by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. He lovingly referred to the long years of service of M. E. Companion SPENCER and stated that a suitable In Memoriam would be prepared for presentation at a later Communication of Grand Chapter.

Communications were received announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

R. E. Companion LOUIS A. MENEGAUX, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey. Died October 16, 1918.

M. E. Companion BIRT G. BLACKMAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah. Died December 14, 1918.

R. E. Companion GEORGE A. JOINER, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama. Died December 8, 1918.

R. E. Companion REUBEN H. PICKETT, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina. Died December 21, 1918.

R. E. Companion RALPH R. RICKLY, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. Died January 20, 1919.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the officers of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, Brother FRANK M. DEALY, Scribe, acting as Worshipful Master.

The work was most beautifully, impressively and correctly done, and evoked much favorable comment from those who were present to enjoy it.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifty minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

JUNE 5, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

PRESENT :

Comp. DAVID J. DAVIS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" JOHN M. CORE, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
" WARREN T. WALKER, . . .	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
" REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
" CHARLES H. TILTON, . . as	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
" GEORGE B. HANNUM, . . as	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
" FRANCIS L. BORIE, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . as	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
" WILLIAM B. KROPP, . . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
" JOHN FETCH, . . . as	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, WILLIAM F. SHAY, RICHARD J. FAUST, JOHN B. MANN, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDWARD HOPE, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.

- " SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
- " EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
- " GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Comp. EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.

- " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
- " CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- " S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New York.
- " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- " THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- " JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
- " WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 52, 91, 152, 162, 169, 175, 177, 185, 190, 197, 202, 208, 220, 226, 232, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 262, 266, 284. (30 Chapters.) (57 members.) (15 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 6, 1919, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 169, 189, 198, 216, 233 and 251 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 4, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from February 21, 1919; to May 31, 1919, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$2,706 65
“ Certificates	12 00
“ Constitutions	2 00
“ Dispensations	1 00
“ Interest on Investments	616 25
“ Interest on Deposits	73 52
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	\$3,411 42
To which add balance February 21, 1919	8,854 04
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	\$12,265 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	\$1,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	70 14
“ Instruction in the Work	100 00
“ Masonic Home Donation	500 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	184 60
“ Salaries	950 00
“ Telephones	33 79
“ Flowers for Funeral, Edward B. Spencer, P. G. H. P.	20 00
“ Rental Safe Deposit Box for Trustees	5 00
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	\$2,863 53
To which add Balance May 31, 1919	9,401 93
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	\$12,265 46

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
J. THOMAS MOORE,

Committee.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws was received and read, and the resolution attached thereto was, upon motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 5, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws begs leave to report that they have examined the proposed amendments to By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolution:•

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 169, 189, 198, 216, 233 and 291 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

M. E. Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., called attention to the fact that in 1920 this Grand Chapter would be 125 years old, and moved that a Committee, to consist of the elective Grand Officers and such others as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest might desire, be appointed to arrange for a fitting observance of the anniversary.

The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed as a Committee the five elective Grand Officers and the Past Grand High Priests.

A communication was read from Grand Chaplain, REV. EDWARD B. RUSHTON, from Tours, France, regretting his inability to be present and stating that he expected to return in time for the Communication in September.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed that the greetings of Grand Chapter be conveyed to Companion RUSHTON and the wish of the Grand Officers for his safe return.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the illness of M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest HIBBERT P. JOHN, and expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to perfect health.

Communications were received announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion EDWARD R. HEDGES, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Died December 25, 1918.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK A. FOWLER, Grand Tyler of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota. Died January 25, 1919.

R. E. Companion STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maine. Died February 1, 1919.

M. E. Companion REUBEN H. TUCKER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died February 14, 1919.

M. E. Companion SYLVESTER J. HILL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota. Died March 1, 1919.

M. E. Companion MONROE C. CRAWFORD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois. Died March 9, 1919.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM L. MILLIGAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois. Died March 14, 1919.

M. E. Companion GEORGE H. BRUCE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. Died March 30, 1919.

M. E. Companion ALEXANDER D. MACDONALD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana. Died April 5, 1919.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL J. WADDELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Newfoundland. Died April 10, 1919.

M. E. Companion MANUEL J. FISHER, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana. Died April 25, 1919.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by the officers of Germantown Royal Arch Chapter, No. 208, Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE acting as Most Excellent Master.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed and the Grand Chapter was "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

SEPTEMBER 4, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

PRESENT:

Comp.	DAVID J. DAVIS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	JOHN M. CORE, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	WARREN T. WALKER, . . .	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. EDWARD B. RUSHTON, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	WESLEY R. MORGAN, . . . as	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	FRANCIS L. BORIE, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM, . . . as	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . . as	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, WESLEY R. MORGAN, MILTON E. GINGRICH, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, JAMES E. MORRIS, WILLIAM F. SHAY, EDWARD HOPE, CHARLES B. RUCH, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDGAR A. IENNIS, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.

" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.

" SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

- " GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
- " EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
- " EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
- " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- " S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New York.
- " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- " CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- " THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- " A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
- " HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
- " JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
- " WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
- " WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 169, 175, 183, 185, 190, 196, 201, 203, 208, 209, 219, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 262, 284, 301, 302. (39 Chapters.) (82 members.) (33 visitors.)

Distinguished Visitors as follows:—Companions ABRAHAM SHAW, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada; WILLIAM F. KUHN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri; SAM P. COCHRAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 5, 1919, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 91, 226, 232 and 233 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Quarterly Report, which was received, ordered

spread in full on the minutes and the resolutions offered were unanimously adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 29, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from May 31, 1919, to August 22, 1919, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$145 35
“ Certificates	4 00
“ Constitutions	3 00
“ Dispensations	6 00
“ Interest on Investments	558 05
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‘Total	\$716 40
To which add Balance May 31, 1919	9,401 93
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	\$10,118 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	\$239 08
“ Expenses Other Grand Officers	30 35
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	716 79
“ Salaries	950 00
“ Telephone	20 10
“ Draping Collars a/c Death Comp. Spencer....	6 50
“ Services, Assistant Tyler	4 00
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‘Total	\$1,966 82
To which add Balance August 22, 1919	8,151 51
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	\$10,118 33

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
WM. M. DONALDSON,
Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, September 4, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws begs leave to report that they have examined the proposed amendments to By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 91, 226, 232 and 233 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the By-laws of Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of Dormont, Pennsylvania, not members of a Chapter, praying for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be known as St. Clair Royal Arch Chapter. On motion, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read announcing the organization of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia. It was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following most beautiful In Memoriam on M. E. Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, was presented by M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Grand High Priest.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed that proper record thereof be made in the minutes and that it be printed in full in the Proceedings.

In Memoriam

EDWARD B. SPENCER

BORN APRIL 14, 1842
DIED FEBRUARY 15, 1919

EDWARD B. SPENCER .

It is difficult to approach the duty of preparing an In Memoriam of a friend of many years' standing, because one can scarcely put in words the feelings of appreciation and affection which the heart contains.

M. E. Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER was born in Dunmore, Pa., April 14, 1842, and died in Philadelphia, Pa., February 15, 1919, and was therefore in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He was deprived of a mother's care at the early age of four years. His father's name was Edward Spencer, as was also that of his grandfather. The grandfather was one of the early settlers in the Wyoming Valley, and during the troubles with the Indians he fled to Sunbury. Upon his return he found that his home has been burned by the Indians. He was a volunteer in the Revolutionary War, having been born in 1753, and died in 1829. The family was of English descent.

Companion SPENCER attended the public schools in Dunmore until he was seventeen years old, and most of the time since had his residence in Philadelphia. Early in life he developed a taste for music and the other fine arts. He became cultured in music, both as a performer and composer, and never lost his interest in the subject. His office as Most Excellent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter being in the Masonic Temple, he was found there some part of most every day, and during the noon hour, when nearly every one was out to lunch, Companion SPENCER would quietly go to the grand banquet room and there practice upon the piano for an hour. The writer recalls one occasion when he took some relatives in to visit the Temple, and, meeting Companion SPENCER, introduced the party, one of whom was a musician, and asked him if would not favor us with two or three selections. He complied with the request in a diffident

manner becoming an amateur. The party was delighted with his music, as brought out by his deft touch and exquisite technique. Who of us have not been charmed by the music he would bring out of the pipe organ in Grand Chapter when occasion required?

He was a gentleman of pleasing manners and dignified bearing. He detested fulsome flattery, but was always willing to give praise for work well done or kindly deed performed. He was the friend of every one, and all who knew him loved him. He had a kind word for all, and I never knew him to speak unkindly of any one; hence all who knew him admired him. He was a man also of strong convictions, but never purposely intruded them upon the feelings of any one.

His Masonic record is equaled by few and was one that he modestly enjoyed. From the records of the several grand bodies I obtained these facts: He was initiated in Union Lodge, No. 291, of Scranton, July 17, 1868; resigned August 20, 1869, and affiliated with Corinthian Lodge, No. 368, in Philadelphia, October 19, 1869. He was Junior Warden of the Lodge in 1875, Senior Warden in 1876, and Worshipful Master in 1877. He received the Degrees of Mark Master Mason in Lackawanna Chapter, No. 185, in Scranton, Pa., December 28, 1869; Most Excellent Master Mason January 1, 1870, and Royal Arch Mason, January 1, 1870, as a Sojourner, a term familiar to Masons at that time, but he never became a member of that Chapter. He applied for membership in Oriental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183, Philadelphia, and was elected May 15, 1873. He resigned January 18, 1874, and became a charter member of Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 250, September 18, 1874. He served as King in 1874, and Most Excellent High Priest in 1875. He served as Most Excellent Grand Scribe in Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, 1897

and 1898; Most Excellent Grand King, 1899 and 1900, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 1901 and 1902.

On September 25, 1907, M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, appointed M. E. Companion EDWARD R. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest, Treasurer of Grand Chapter, to succeed M. E. Companion THOMAS R. PATTON, who died September 13, 1907, and he was regularly elected and re-elected December 5, 1907, until December 5, 1918, when he declined re-election because of advancing years and failing health.

He received the Degrees of Royal and Select Master Mason in Philadelphia Council, Royal and Select Masters, No. 11, March 13, and the Degree of Super Excellent Master Mason April 10, 1896. The writer, being the Thrice Illustrious Master of Philadelphia Council at that time, had the privilege of conferring these degrees upon M. E. Companion Spencer.

He received the Degrees in Templarism in St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, in Philadelphia, on January 28, 1873, and resigned from No. 47 to become a charter member of Corinthian Chasseur Commandery, No. 53, June 22, 1875. He was its first Commander. He was elected Eminent Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Commandery in 1891, Eminent Grand Senior Warden in 1892, and Eminent Grand Captain-General in 1893, Eminent Grand Generalissimo in 1894, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander in 1895 and Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1896. For a number of years he served as Chairman of the Committee on By-laws in the Grand Commandery. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, situated in the Valley of Philadelphia, he received the fourth to fourteenth degrees inclusive in Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, October 15, 1886; the fifteenth and sixteenth degrees in De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, November 19, 1886; the seventeenth and eighteenth degrees in Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix,

December 17, 1886, and the nineteenth to thirty-second degrees inclusive in Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., January 21, 1887.

M. E. Companion SPENCER loved Freemasonry, believed sincerely in its teachings, and practiced them faithfully in his life. Many of us can recall the many times when he was acting Grand Marshal at the installation of the officers of the several Commanderies and the dignified and impressive manner with which he performed his duties, illustrating that he felt deeply the part he was taking, and that it was not a matter of mere form.

M. E. Companion SPENCER was possessed of deep spiritual convictions, which were a controlling influence in his life, and which, linked with the truths taught in the several degrees in Freemasonry, directed his daily thought and action. In his closing address made to Grand Chapter in 1902 he says: "May the spirit of Masonry which binds us together in the service of the brotherhood of humanity and of God, ever pervade this Grand Chapter."

In this same address, in referring to deceased Companions, he uses quotations expressive of the vision he had, and I use them now as a fitting conclusion to this paper:

"Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights; we cry aloud and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word, but in the night of death hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of the wing."

Sleep on, Companions, sleep and take your rest,
Until the shadows from this earth are cast;
Until the Lord gathers in His sheaves at last;
Until the twilight gloom be overpassed;
Until we meet before the throne,
Clothed in the spotless robes
He gives His own,
Until we know even as we are known.
Good night! Good night! Good night!

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died January 24, 1919.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. MARTIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died February 19, 1919.

M. E. Companion JAMES F. ALLEN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died March 12, 1919.

M. E. Companion JOHN G. SMITH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama. Died April 30, 1919.

M. E. Companion JAMES W. BOYD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Died May 29, 1919.

M. E. Companion FRED T. CRANE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey. Died May 31, 1919.

M. E. Companion MATTHEW KYLE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada. Died June 17, 1919.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. HAMNELLE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana. Died June 20, 1919.

M. E. Companion ALONZO BRANDENBURG, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died June 22, 1919.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by the officers of Allen Chapter, No. 203, of Allentown, Companion OWEN W. METZGER, Most Excellent High Priest of Chapter 203, acting Most Excellent High Priest, and the other officers in their respective stations and places.

The work was so correctly and impressively done as to bring unstinted praise from all who witnessed it.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

All of the distinguished guests and many of the visitors took advantage of the opportunity to extend greetings and to compliment the officers and members of Grand Chapter and those who did the work of the evening.

The remarks of each was received with appreciation, but the address of M. E. Sir WILLIAM F. KUHN, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri and Deputy

General Grand High Priest, were intensely interesting and most helpful.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at ten o'clock and fifty minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

NOVEMBER 21, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

PRESENT :

Comp.	DAVID J. DAVIS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	JOHN M. CORE, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., as	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	WARREN T. WALKER, . . .	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. JOHN G. WILSON, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	GEORGE P. DARROW, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	WALTER M. JONES, . . . as	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	RALPH C. MINEHART, . . .	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP, . . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, WESLEY R. MORGAN, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. WEAVER, JAMES E. MORRIS, CHARLES H. TILTON, RICHARD J. FAUST, JAMES H. REEDER, WALTON K. SWETLAND, THOMAS N. McKEE, EDWARD HOPE, EDMUND W. BOOTS.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions EDGAR A. TENNIS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.

Grand Representatives.

Comp.	WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
"	ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.

Comp. WILLIAM M. DONALDSON, of Grand Chapter of Colorado.

- " IRA GEORGE ROSS, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
- " EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
- " GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
- " JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
- " EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
- " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- " S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New York.
- " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- " CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- " THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- " A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
- " JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 159, 169, 174, 175, 177, 181, 183, 185, 186, 190, 192, 196, 197, 198, 199, 202, 203, 205, 208, 209, 214, 216, 220, 224, 226, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 258, 262, 266, 267, 270, 271, 275, 277, 284, 285, 291, 299, 301, 302, 304. (61 Chapters.) (141 members and 40 visitors from Pennsylvania.) (Chapters of 5 other Jurisdictions with 20 visitors.)

Distinguished Visitors of other Jurisdictions:—M. E. Companions JEROME L. CHENEY, Deputy Grand High Priest; WILLIAM T. CHEVALIER, Grand King, and GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand Scribe, all of New York.

M. E. Companion ERNEST F. SWEENEY, Grand High Priest of Connecticut.

M. E. Companions W. FRANK SHARP, Grand High Priest; HENRY S. LEWIS, Grand King; STUART J. HORN, Grand Secretary; CHARLES E. WILLIN, Grand Captain of the Host; N. J. FISHER, Grand Principal Sojourner; WERT A. TROTTER, Grand Master of the Third Vail, and JOHN S. GROHE, Grand Chaplain, all of Delaware.

M. E. Companions RICHARD C. WOODWARD, Grand High Priest; ALBERT LEON, Grand King; JOSIAH S. DAVIDSON, Grand Scribe; EDWARD MILLS, Grand Treasurer; LORENZO D. SANBORN, Past Grand High Priest, all of New Jersey.

Companion EDGAR FAHS SMITH, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Companion GEORGE L. LOHRER, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock and twenty minutes P. M.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of conferring the Capitular Degrees upon Brother WILLIAM C. SPROUL.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and Brother WILLIAM C. SPROUL was introduced and had the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason conferred on him by Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, acting as Worshipful Master, assisted by the Grand Officers.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened. Brother WILLIAM C. SPROUL was introduced and was Received and Accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand King, acting Most Excellent Master, assisted by the Grand Officers.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed and the Grand Chapter was "called on."

Brother WILLIAM C. SPROUL was introduced and Exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, assisted by the Grand Officers.

Most interesting addresses were made by the visitors from other Jurisdictions, expressing their pleasure at being present; also by Companions EDGAR FAHS SMITH, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and the candidate, Companion WILLIAM C. SPROUL, Governor of the Commonwealth, indicative of their appreciation of and interest in this most

unusual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at eleven o'clock and three minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

DECEMBER 4, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

PRESENT :

Comp. DAVID J. DAVIS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JOHN M. CORE, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WARREN T. WALKER, . . .	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
“ REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
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“ MILTON E. GINGRICH, . . as	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ GEORGE B. HANNUM, . . as	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, MILTON E. GINGRICH, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, JAMES E. MORRIS, WILLIAM F. SHAY, RICHARD J. FAUST, JAMES H. REEDER, JOHN B. MANN, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDWARD HOPE, CHARLES B. RUCH, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, HUGH M. MARQUIS, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDGAR A. TENNIS, HENRY O. KLINE, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.

Grand Representatives.

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Comp. SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

- " IRA GEORGE ROSS, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
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- " EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
- " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- " CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
- " J. HENRY LAPE, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- " S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
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- " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- " CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- " THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- " JOHN McKAIN, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.
- " PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
- " A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
- " PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
- " JOHN S. WALLACE, of Grand Chapter of Scotland.
- " HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
- " JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
- " WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
- " WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 4, 1919, and the minutes of the Emergency Communication held November 21, 1919, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 169, 170, 175, 197, 204, 226, 249, 251 and 298 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the appointment of M. E. Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, Past Grand High Priest, as Chairman of the Trustees, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

The resolution attached was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 4, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this, their Eleventh Annual Report:

There was on hand at last report, as per list therein set forth, securities as of the par value of..... \$51,300 00

During the year 1919 we received for investment from the

Grand Chapter \$6,569 28

Grand Chapter. 1,879 64

Totaling \$8,448 92

We purchased:

\$7,000 of United States 4 per cent. Second

Liberty Loan Bonds, at 92.84 for \$6,569 28

\$2,000 of United States 4 per cent. Second

Liberty Loan Bonds, at 92.76, for 1,879 64

\$8,448 92

The securities now on hand consist of the following:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

One	(1)	\$1,000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. loan of 1902, principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1	\$1,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. loan of 1904, principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificate, 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
One	(1)	\$2,000	Certificate No. 3, City of Philadelphia, registered 4 per cent. loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1....	2,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 28, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. registered loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1...	500 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loans, 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central, collateral gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Two	(2)	\$1,000	Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway, gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1	2,000 00
Three	(3)	\$1,000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1	3,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Reading Company, general mortgage 4 per cent., Nos. 32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, principal due January 1, 1997, interest due January 1 and July 1...	5,000 00

One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1.....	\$1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, Philadelphia & Erie Consolidated 5 per cent. (now first mortgage), No. 11233, principal due July 1, 1920, interest due April 1 and October 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, No. 7023, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. stock trust certificates, 4 per cent., principal due June 1, 1948, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$2,000	Certificate, No. 21, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (registered), interest due January 1 and July 1	2,000 00
One	(1)	\$100	Certificate, No. 138, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. Loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (coupons), interest due January 1 and July 1	100 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	United States First Liberty Loan, 3½ per cent. coupon bond, No. 19023, due June 15, 1947, interest due June 15 and December 15	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, coupon, 4½ per cent. bond, No. 733,762, interest due May 15 and November 15	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$2,000	City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. registered bond, No. 33, principal due November 1, 1943, interest due January 1 and July 1...	2,000 00
One	(1)	\$200	City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. registered bond, No. 124, interest due January 1 and July 1	200 00
Four	(4)	\$1,000	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent. coupon bond, principal due October 15, 1938, interest due April 15 and October 15. Bonds numbered 281616, 281617, 281618 and 281619	4,000 00

One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, No. 655, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. registered loan of July 14, 1910, principal due July 1, 1940, interest due January 1 and July 1	\$1,000 00
Eight	(8)	\$1,000	United States Third Liberty Loan 4½ per cent gold bonds of 1928, coupons on to March 15, 1920. Nos. of bonds, 455367, 455368, 455369, 455391, 455660, 455661, 455662, 455663. Interest due September 15, 1918, \$14.90; interest due March 15, 1919, \$21.25, at \$1.000 each	8,000 00
Six	(6)	\$1,000	United States 4 per cent. Second Liberty Loan, coupon bonds, gold, principal due November 15, 1942, redeemable after November 15, 1927, interest due May 15 and November 15. Bonds numbered 1690298, 1690299, 1693973, 1687624, 1036099, 1693972	6,000 00
Two	(2)	\$500	United States 4 per cent. Second Liberty Loan, coupon bonds, gold, principal due November 15, 1942, redeemable after November 15, 1927, interest due May 15 and November 15. Bonds numbered 190197 and 59037	1,000 00
Two	(2)	\$1,000	United States 4 per cent. Second Liberty Loan, coupon bonds, gold, principal due November 15, 1942, redeemable after November 15, 1927, interest due May 15 and November 15. Bonds numbered 1736555 and 1736556	2,000 00
Making a total par value of				\$60,300 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1918.

December 12,	Check, Interest on \$4,000 under subscription with Philadelphia Trust Company for four 4½ per cent. Liberty Loan Bonds ...	\$7 38
16,	Check, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern	17 50

1919.			
January	2,	Coupon, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk	\$20 00
		Coupon, First Liberty Loan, 3½ per cent...	17 50
		Coupons, Philadelphia & Reading General 4s	100 00
		Coupons, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan	2 00
	4,	Check, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan	154 00
		Check, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan	26 25
April	2,	Check, Philadelphia & Erie, 5 per cent. ...	25 00
	3,	Check, Electric & Peoples Traction	100 00
	8,	Coupons, Third Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent.	170 00
	8,	Coupons, Pennsylvania Company, 4 per cent.	100 00
		Coupons, Philadelphia & Reading, Jersey Central, 4 per cent.	100 00
May	13,	Check, Pennsylvania R. R. Co., 4 per cent.	60 00
	28,	Coupons, Market Street Elevated Railway	40 00
		Coupons, Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent.	21 25
June	3,	Coupons, Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent.	80 80
		Coupons, Second Liberty Loan, 4 per cent.	120 00
		Coupons, Second Liberty Loan, 4 per cent.	20 00
		Coupons, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk	20 00
July	2,	Check, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern	17 50
		Check, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent.	26 25
		Check, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. ..	154 00
	8,	Coupons, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent.	2 00
		Coupons, First Liberty Loan, 3½ per cent.	17 50
		Coupons, Philadelphia & Reading General 4s	100 00
September	22,	Coupons, Third Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent.	170 00
	27,	Check, Philadelphia & Erie, 5 per cent. ..	25 00
October	21,	Coupons, Philadelphia & Reading, Jersey Central, 4 per cent.	100 00
		Coupons, Pennsylvania Company, 4s	100 00
		Coupons, Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent.	85 00

November 15,	Check, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 4 per cent.	\$60 00
17,	Check, Electric & Peoples Traction Co. ..	100 00
	Coupons, Market Street Elevated Railway Company	40 00
	Coupons, Second Liberty Loan, 4 per cent.	40 00
	Coupons, Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent.	21 25
	Coupons, Second Liberty Loan, 4 per cent.	20 00
	Coupons, Second Liberty Loan, 4 per cent.	120 00
Total		\$2,400 18

There will come due on July 1, 1920, one One Thousand Dollar certificate No. 11233, Philadelphia & Erie Consolidated five per cent. (5%) first mortgage, interest due April 1st and October 1st.

In order to collect this bond or the proceeds thereof, it will be necessary for the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania to pass a resolution reading as follows:—

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be and are hereby authorized to receive payment of One Thousand (1,000) Dollars on the bond of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company now standing in the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, belonging to this Body, and maturing July 1, 1920.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. SEEDS,
THOMAS A. MILLAR,

Trustees of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 29, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members' of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from August 22, 1919, to November 20, 1919, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$2,462 25	
“ Certificates	14 00	
“ Constitutions	1 00	
“ Interest on Investments	881 25	
“ Investments (unused portion of check) ...	120 36	
“ Interest on Deposits	48 43	
“ Warrant for New Chapter (St. Clair, No. 305)	200 00	
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	\$3,727 29	
To which add Balance August 22, 1919	8,151 51	
	<hr/>	\$11,878 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Expenses Most Excellent Grand High Priest..	\$2,000 00	
“ Instruction in the Work	64 25	
“ Investments	2,000 00	
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	188 47	
“ Rent	2,500 00	
“ Salaries	950 00	
“ Telephones	32 70	
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	\$7,735 42	
To which add Balance November 20, 1919	4,143 38	
	<hr/>	\$11,878 80

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. THOMAS MOORE,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report and Estimate for the year 1920, which was received and the resolution attached was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 20, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees,

which show an invested fund of \$60,300.00, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1919, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$23,372 05	
“ Certificates	38 00	
“ Constitutions	8 00	
“ Dispensations	8 00	
“ Interest on Investments	2,400 18	
“ Interest on Deposits	143 45	
“ Investments (unused portion of check)	120 36	
“ Warrant for New Chapter (St. Clair, No. 305)	200 00	
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	\$26,290 04	
To which add Balance November 27, 1918	1,266 64	
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		\$27,556 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Clothing and Furniture	\$82 60	
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	4,000 00	
“ Expenses Other Grand Officers	485 95	
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,372 24	
“ Instruction in the Work	324 25	
“ Investments (see return above noted)	8,569 28	
“ Masonic Home Donation	500 00	
“ Jewel for P. G. H. P. Thomas McConnell, Jr..	150 00	
“ Stationery, Postage and Printing	1,437 51	
“ Rent	2,500 00	
“ Salaries	3,800 00	
“ Telephones	119 47	
“ Bond of Treasurer	12 50	
“ Organist and Extra Tyler	28 00	
“ Flowers, etc., for Funerals	26 50	
“ Rental Safe Deposit Box for Trustees	5 00	
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	\$23,413 30	
To which add Balance November 20, 1919	4,143 38	
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		\$27,558 68

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, as per last Report,	
showed a Balance of	\$1,280 80
Add Interest Credited March 14, 1919	12 72
Add Interest Credited November 20, 1919	14 19
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Shows a total Balance of this Fund to be	1,307 71

ESTIMATES FOR 1920.

The Committee presents the following Estimates for the year ending November 20, 1920.

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$26,000 00	
" Interest on Investments	2,500 00	
" Constitutions	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$28,550 00
" Balance November 20, 1919	\$4,143 38	
" Less Salaries due December 4, 1919	950 00	
	<hr/>	3,193 38
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		\$32,743 38

EXPENDITURES.

For Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	\$4,000 00	
" Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,500 00	
" Expenses Other Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests	1,000 00	
" Salaries:		
M. E. Grand Secretary	\$2,000 00	
Assistant Grand Secretary	1,500 00	
Grand Tyler	300 00	
Extra Clerk Hire	500 00	
	<hr/>	4,300 00
For Rent	3,000 00	
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,000 00	
" Instruction in the Work	1,000 00	
" Clothing and Furniture	1,000 00	
" Investments	10,000 00	
" Masonic Home Donation	500 00	
" Telephones and Incidentals	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$30,800 00
Estimated Balance	3,943 38	
	<hr/>	\$32,743 38

The Committee offers the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates as they become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. THOMAS MOORE,

Committee.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Grand High Priest, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order that the Grand Chapter may fittingly observe the one hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of its Constitution the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to defray the expenses incident to that celebration.

It was moved by M. E. Companion EDGAR A. TENNIS and seconded by M. E. Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., to amend the motion by striking out the sum of \$5000 and inserting in lieu thereof the sum of \$10,000. The amendment was accepted, and the resolution, as amended, was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions thereto attached unanimously adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed Amendments to By-laws of

Chapters and a Mark Lodge referred to them, and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 169, 175, 226, 249, 251 and 298 be approved.

Resolved, That Art. 11, Sect. 3, of the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 170, be stricken out, and, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That Art. VII, Sect. 2, of the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 197, be stricken out, and, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 204 be rejected.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report upon the matter of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, which was received, and the resolution thereto attached adopted unanimously:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 4, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter held December 3, 1914, your Committee on Correspondence submitted a report on the request of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alberta for fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives, reviewing their claims for recognition, etc., and embodying their conclusions in a resolution as follows:

“Resolved, That, owing to the fact that the Grand Chapter of Alberta has not secured the allegiance of all the Chapters within its territory, it cannot receive the recognition of this Grand Chapter.”

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Alberta has since renewed their request for recognition and exchange of representatives, which was referred to this Committee. After careful investigation we find that the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alberta has now the allegiance of all the subordinate Chapters within its territory. (See letter of Grand Scribe E.)

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the recognition of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alberta and the exchange of Representatives.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
JOHN M. CORE,
WALTER T. TAGGART,
JOSEPH L. MANN,
Committee.

CALGARY, 20th October, 1919.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, ESQ.,

*Chairman Correspondence Committee,
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

DEAR SIR AND M. E. COMPANION:—I have your letter of October 9th re the recognition of The Grand Chapter of Alberta by The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular letter sent to all Grand Chapters shortly after The Grand Chapter of Canada had recognized this Grand Chapter, on September 12, 1916. At a subsequent meeting of Grand Chapter a grant of \$1,000 one thousand dollars was made to the Grand Chapter as a token of good will.

Every Chapter in Alberta is now under the Jurisdiction of The Grand Chapter of Alberta. Our Chapters number 21, and one under dispensation—twenty-two in all—and our membership to date is twenty-two hundred.

I regret that I have no record of your letter of a year ago, in which you requested information re the allegiance of our Chapters in this Province. Under separate cover I am forwarding our Proceedings for 1917-8-9 for your perusal.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. E. JOHNSON,
Grand Scribe E.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1919.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to present the following report:

The contract for printing the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the year 1918 was again awarded to the International Printing Company, the lowest bidder.

The report contains a steel engraving of the M. E. Past Grand High Priest and M. E. Past Grand Secretary, Michael Nisbet, the engraving being furnished by the Committee.

The total expenditure for the year for printing, postage and stationery was \$1,437.51, which amount includes the cost of printing, binding and delivering the Proceedings.

Your Committee editorially supervised the copy before handing it to the printer, and in so doing avoided many corrections in the proof. We earnestly suggest that this course be pursued in the future, and if copy can be furnished more promptly it would materially assist in an earlier production of the Proceedings.

We regret that a number of the reviews of the Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters usually furnished by the Committee on Correspondence failed to appear in the issue of 1918, due to the fact that some members of the Committee did not send in their reviews in time for publication, notwithstanding the fact that we delayed going to print on this account.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
GEORGE B. HANNUM.

Committee.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John's Day next, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers to conduct the election for Grand Officers.

The Tellers appointed to conduct the election for Grand Officers having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

DAVID J. DAVIS, M. E. Grand High Priest.
JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand King.
JOSEPH M. CORE, M. E. Grand Scribe.
THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Grand Secretary.

The following communication was received from M. E. Companion A. A. ARBUTHNOT MURRAY, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, which was received and ordered placed in the files:

EDINBURGH, 30th September, 1919.

DEAR COMPANION WELLS:—Referring to your letter of 29th July the Right Honorable, the Earl of Cassillis, our Most Excellent First Grand Principal was present with us on 19th September when he was pleased to accept your nomination and to appoint M. E. Companion John S. Wallace as our Grand Representative at your Grand Chapter.

His Lordship specially desired me to convey to you our good wishes.

Some of the Grand Chapters in America do not unfortunately understand our rules and system which are not quite the same as the American ones, but at the same time we are most anxious to preserve a position of friendliness and good will.

In this your Grand Chapter has shown a spirit which is greatly appreciated.

We are hopeful here, after difficult conditions have passed away, to have a conference with American Masonry, which will lead to a settlement of all differences.

I am proud myself to be your Representative here and it is the dream of my life to visit your Temple.

Faithfully yours,

ALFRED A. ARBUTHNOT MURRAY.

GEORGE B. WELLS, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of Homestead, Pennsylvania, not members of a Chapter, praying for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be known as Homestead Royal Arch Chapter.

On motion, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion OTTO A. SHULTEE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. Died June 23, 1919.

M. E. Companion NATHANIEL P. RICHMOND, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died June 28, 1919.

M. E. Companion EDWARD R. TRIPPE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died July 28, 1919.

M. E. Companion JOHN COYLE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. Died August 24, 1919.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM CROWE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. Died September 14, 1919.

Excellent Companion JUSTUS J. BARTEL, Grand Master of First Vail of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York. Died September 17, 1919.

M. E. Companion GEORGE L. COWAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee. Died September 19, 1919.

M. E. Companion WILLIS W. RICE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York. Died October 2, 1919.

M. E. Companion DANIEL M. HALEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. Died October 14, 1919.

The following very beautiful In Memoriam upon M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS was presented and read by M. E. Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was directed that this In Memoriam be spread in full upon the minutes, printed in the Proceedings for 1919, and also printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

In Memoriam

J. HENRY WILLIAMS

BORN OCTOBER 13, 1856

DIED OCTOBER 24, 1919



J. HENRY WILLIAMS
M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
1905-1906



THE
COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK
IN SENATE
JANUARY 1, 1901

J. HENRY WILLIAMS

Our friend, Brother, Companion, Frater, has passed within the veil that but thinly divides time from eternity, and it is fitting and natural that we pause for a few minutes to review the chief events of his life, and enjoy again, at least in recollection, the sweet fragrance of his character.

He was a native of England, but was brought to Philadelphia by his parents when one year of age, and resided here until his death. He became a citizen by virtue of the naturalization of his father. This was the only city that he really knew, and this the only country that ever claimed his loyalty and devotion, which were so fully and so freely given. He was a thorough American, was educated in the Public Schools of Philadelphia, graduated from the Central High School, studied law, and was admitted to the Bar of Philadelphia County on his twenty-first birthday, October 13, 1877. He immediately engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, and continued therein with marked success until the third day of January, 1916, when he became an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, having been chosen at the election held the previous November. He occupied this station until he died.

He was an earnest student of the law, capable of infinite painstaking care, possessed of a just and logical mind, and was a big addition to any cause he espoused. A lover of peace, but ever ready and willing to fight persistently and well for the rights of those he represented, he acquired a large and steady following of clients in all walks of life. He was a thorough democrat, always courteous, entirely free from the least touch of snobbery, the poor and humble being fully as welcome and receiving the same personal attention in his offices as those of larger means and greater standing. All showed the

greatest confidence in his integrity and ability and the strongest attachment to him as their chosen counsellor.

As a judge of the Superior Court he displayed remarkable judicial temperament and entire devotion to his work. In addition to always keeping up to date with the portions of the business of the Court assigned to him, which his associates will, I have no doubt, attest was no easy task in that Court, he prepared an accurate and exhaustive digest and index of all the decisions of the Superior Court from the date of its institution to the present date, which is a monument to his talent and industry.

Both as an advocate and as a Judge his actions were always in accord with the highest standards of honor and of professional ethics; his word was his bond, and he enjoyed at all times the highest regard and utmost respect of his brethren of the bench and bar.

He was an ardent believer in the doctrines of Christianity, and in his life and actions was ever guided and controlled by its precepts and principles.

His marriage, which occurred in early manhood, was to him and his beloved partner a Holy Sacrament, in which two hearts and minds were joined in sweet accord. In her deep bereavement, his companion, who survives him, will find no consolation for her grief except in her Christian faith and confidence of a reunion where there will be no parting.

His manner was refined, genial and engaging, and his friendships legion. He hated the rude, the coarse and the vulgar. The writer enjoyed with him a most intimate friendship, founded upon mutual confidence and respect, which grew and flourished during nearly thirty years of constant daily and almost hourly contact as an associate in the practice of law and Brother and Companion in Freemasonry. The void left by his departure can never be filled this side of the grave.

Masonic Record

Our Brother was pre-eminently a Freemason. With him it was a consuming passion. Not to have known J. HENRY WILLIAMS in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania in the last fifteen years is to confess oneself unknown. The record of his work and activity in the Fraternity has seldom, if ever, been equaled. In his death Pennsylvania has lost one of her foremost sons and Freemasonry one of its brightest lights.

He received the following degrees and filled the following stations and places:

Washington Lodge, No. 59, of Philadelphia—Entered Apprentice, March 10, 1885; Fellow Craft, April 14, 1885; Master Mason, May 12, 1885; Junior Warden, 1891; Senior Warden, 1892; Worshipful Master, 1893.

Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, 1908-1909; Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, 1910-1911; Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, 1912-1913; Right Worshipful Grand Master, 1914-1915; Committee on Masonic Homes, 1908 until death.

Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, of Philadelphia—Mark Master Mason, July 1, 1887; Most Excellent Master Mason, July 1, 1887; Royal Arch Mason, July 1, 1887; Scribe, 1895; King, 1896; Most Excellent High Priest, 1897.

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania—Most Excellent Grand Scribe, 1901-1902; Most Excellent Grand King, 1903-1904; Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 1905-1906; Trustee, 1909 until death.

Philadelphia Council, Royal and Select Masters, No. 11, of Philadelphia—Royal Master Mason, January 11, 1901; Select Master Mason, January 14, 1901; Super Excellent Master Mason, June 14, 1901; Principal Conductor of Work, 1905; Deputy Illustrious Master, 1906; Thrice Illustrious Master, 1907.

Mary Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templar, of Philadelphia—Red Cross, January 12, 1888; Knight

Templar, February 9, 1888; Knight of Malta, February 9, 1888; resigned April 11, 1889.

Corinthian Chasseur Commandery, No. 53, Knights Templar, of Philadelphia—Admitted May 20, 1889; Captain General, 1898; Generalissimo, 1899; Eminent Commander, 1900.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite—Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, fourth to fourteenth degrees, January 16, 1891; Junior Warden, 1898–1899; Senior Warden, 1900–1901; Deputy Master, 1902–1903; Thrice Potent Master, 1904–1905.

De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem—Fifteenth and Sixteenth degrees, March 20, 1891; Junior Warden, 1902–1903; Senior Warden, 1904–1905; High Priest, 1906–1907; Sovereign Prince, 1907–1908.

Kilwinning Chapter, Rose Croix—Seventeenth and eighteenth degrees, April 17, 1891; Most Wise Master, 1907–1908.

Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S.—Nineteenth to thirty-second degree, December 18, 1891; Orator, 1899–1900–1901; First Lieutenant Commander, 1903–1904–1905; Commander-in-Chief, 1906–1907–1908; Trustee at time of death.

Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, United States—Crowned thirty-third degree, September 15, 1896.

In December, 1907, by virtue of his election as Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, he became a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and continued therein until his decease. In connection therewith he was made a member of the Executive Committee and of the Building Committee. During the laying out of the grounds and the erection of Grand Lodge Hall, he acted as Chairman of the Building Committee, and, although at that time engaged in the active practice of his profession at Philadelphia, he kept in constant touch with and made frequent visits to Elizabethtown. He practically made it his business to see that every nail was properly driven, every stone properly laid, every tree properly

planted, and that no part of that great undertaking was slighted or carelessly done.

He was the father of the Freemasons Memorial Hospital erected at Elizabethtown by contributions from the members of Philadelphia Lodges, and he carefully watched and guarded the execution of every detail of that work.

He was Chairman of the Building Committee of Scottish Rite Hall, in Philadelphia, and freely gave of his time and devotion to the financing and execution of that enterprise.

The Masonic Employment Bureau of Philadelphia is a creature of his thought and influence, and always received his earnest support.

Every part of and work in Freemasonry had his support and co-operation, and profited by his force and ability.

Some excel in one quality and some in another, but he was an all-around man of outstanding energy and ability, a gentleman by nature, with great aptitude both in detail and in generalization. Never at a loss under any circumstances, able to get an intelligent grasp of every situation, an eloquent and forceful speaker, able to fill fully and well any station or place to which he might be assigned. He was strict in his interpretation of Masonic law, usage and custom, capable of most accurate ritualistic work, and yet never losing sight of the spirit and meaning of the Fraternity. Nothing so annoyed or offended his sensibility as slovenly or careless work; yet in this regard he never asked of his Brethren more than he exacted of himself. He gave of himself and of his time freely, without expectation of fee or reward, and looked for the same devotion from those about him. While never robust in health, he accomplished a prodigious amount of work, never neglecting his personal affairs, and yet giving so much attention to the service of the Fraternity he loved.

To say that our Brother was not faultless is merely a needless reiteration of an old and common truism, for we know that perfection cannot be found in mankind, but his virtues were so large and so numerous that, whatever his faults may have been, they are so obscured and our love for him is so great that we are unable to see them now.

He is not dead. He cannot die. In the prime of his manhood, with his heart and hands full of good works, he has been temporarily removed from our sight, perhaps to a sphere of greater usefulness. He lives in the heart of his loving life-companion and in the thought and affection of his many, many friends, and in his good works. It needs no written word or carved stone to perpetuate his memory. A word once spoken or an action once performed can never be recalled, their effect and influence once started must go on forever, and so his many good words and great constructive works have created an influence which must outlast his generation and live and grow even unto eternity, an ever-abiding monument, unaffected by the ravages of time.

We do not mourn for him. We mourn in tender sympathy with his faithful companion, who must daily look for his coming with no thought in life for any response to her constant longing, and with the host of ardent friends who have known his kindness and affection these many years, and can find no substitute.

He has passed to his reward. To him the great mysteries of the beyond are now unfolded in a land where there is no night, and where they need no candle, neither the light of the sun, where God shall wipe away all tears and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, where the just and the true shall live and dwell together in peace and harmony forever and ever. Farewell, my Brother. Farewell till we meet again.

“Farewell! How should not such as thou fare well,
Though we fare ill that love thee, and that live,
And know, whatever the days wherein we dwell
May give us, thee again they will not give.”

THOMAS McCONNELL, Jr.

The following certificate was presented and read:

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1919.

DAVID J. DAVIS, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest,*
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION:—At the Annual Election for Officers, held on the Stated Meeting of St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232, Tuesday evening, December 2, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449, Companion HARRY L. HÖRST was duly elected Most Excellent High Priest of said Chapter.

Extract from the minutes.

WILLIAM F. TRACY,
Secretary.

(SEAL)

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion HARRY L. HÖRST was duly installed as High Priest of St. John Royal Arch Chapter, No. 232, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction, at the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at five o'clock and ten minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

ST. JOHN'S DAY,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1919, A. I. 2449.

PRESENT :

Comp.	DAVID J. DAVIS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	JOHN M. CORE, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	WARREN T. WALKER, acting	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
"	JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, acting	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM, . . as	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	FRANCIS L. BORIE, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	ROBERT D. COLE, . . . as	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP, . . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, CHARLES H. WEAVER, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions EDGAR A. TENNIS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.

Grand Representatives.

Comp.	WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
"	SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
"	HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.
"	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
"	DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
"	DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New York.
"	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Comp. THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

“ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 165, 171, 175, 177, 183, 190, 192, 196, 198, 201, 202, 203, 208, 219, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 271, 284. (39 Chapters.) (89 members.) (16 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 4, 1919, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 219 and 288 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that General Returns had been received from fifty-six Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, presented the following unusually interesting and forceful Annual Address, giving a most complete and thorough review of the work of the past Masonic year:

COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER:

We are again assembled in Annual Meeting as officials and representatives of the membership of our Jurisdiction.

Another year has passed through its closing hours, from which we have undoubtedly learned truths that will be of incalculable benefit to us through life.

The pathway of our future progress has been illumined by the lamp of experience, and in our devotion to the best interests of the Craft we have inhaled that inspiration which cannot be separated from true fellowship and the blessing received in adhering to the benign and significant principles taught in our beautiful work.

In God's Providence let us remember

"The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown."

Our quiet, unassuming and beloved M. E. Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest, entered into rest on Saturday morning, February 15, 1919, at the home of his niece, in this city. The funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 18. Grand Chapter was well represented at the service by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and a large number of members and personal friends.

Companion Spencer was born in Dunmore, Pennsylvania. Shortly after his education he removed to Philadelphia, where he was recognized as an excellent musician. He always enjoyed in large measure the privilege of service, particularly when called upon to bring forth the melodious strains of the pipe organ of several of the city churches and Masonic bodies during his active career and almost up to the end of his life.

In the death of our departed Companion, Grand Chapter has lost one of its most faithful members.

He was regarded as a man of strong individuality and his sterling character greatly endeared him to all with whom he associated. The zeal and love he manifested for Royal Arch Masonry should ever remind us of our duty as Companions to be faithful and true to the tenets of our profession.

While serving Grand Chapter and laboring for the benefit of the Craft in general, he won the admiration and esteem of the Companions by his manly virtues and strict attention to duty in the performance of all his work.

Our fraternal relations, admiration and love for him as a man, a friend and Companion demand from us a fitting tribute and a just recognition of his faithful services as a member and his prompt and efficient work as an officer.

Let us, in words of pathetic silence, utter we have lost a sincere Companion and an honest, praiseworthy man. We shall miss his presence—he has gone, but the influence of his life is with us as a precious heritage.

Our fraternal chain was again broken when the angel of death knocked at our portals and stilled a voice we loved when M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Past Grand High Priest, passed from this life on Friday, October 24, 1919, in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, where he resided from childhood until death.

On Tuesday, October 28, the members of the Craft paid their last tribute of respect by consigning his

mortal remains to rest in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, near Philadelphia, with Masonic honors, and in the presence of a large concourse of friends, who deeply mourned the loss of a noble man and a distinguished Freemason.

Our departed true and faithful Companion was born October 13, 1856, in England, and reared in Philadelphia, where he attended the public schools, studied law, and was admitted to the Bar of Philadelphia County in 1877.

He practiced law in his home city until made an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania on January 3, 1916, having been elected by a large vote, which dignified position he held until the golden sunset of his earthly career.

Grand Chapter has lost a Master Builder and a stalwart leader of men.

M. E. Companion WILLIAMS was courteous in demeanor, honest in thought, purpose and act, of sturdy integrity and possessed of that staunch manliness which won the admiration of his Companions and which secured him the suffrages of his fellow-citizens. Admired by the Craft, esteemed by his acquaintances, he relinquished his life as he lived—an upright, manly man.

As one of those chosen to fill the highest office in Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction, he brought to the station graces that marked his discharge of duty as exemplary and worthy of emulation.

In all the walks of life—moral, social, professional and fraternal—our worthy Companion was circumspect and above reproach. He was fearless and outspoken on the questions of the hour and consistent in his ideas as to the best interests of our country.

In his pilgrimage through life he attained extraordinary distinction, and in the important interests committed to his charge he exhibited sound sense, depth of research and rare eloquence in advocating a cause.

His course was brilliant—his life an inspiration.

His example is a star which will ever shine in the temple of our illustrious Fraternity.

In addition to the two Past Grand High Priests mentioned, several other faithful Companions have been called to the Great Beyond.

“One by one their names are written:
Ceased to labor; home; at rest.”

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

Have granted all waivers of Jurisdiction asked for as follows:

New York, 6; New Jersey, 15; Delaware, 2; Maryland, 1; Maine, 1. Total, 25.

Waivers of Jurisdiction requested and granted as follows:

New Jersey, 8; Delaware, 1. Total, 9.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

January 17, to Bellevue Royal Arch Chapter, No. 286, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

February 14, to Occidental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 235, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

Have also granted dispensations to four other Chapters to confer the Royal Arch Degree without waiting the constitutional period—four weeks.

The dispensations granted were in compliance with the wishes of brethren who were in the service of our country and could not advance if required to wait the usual time.

BY VIRTUE OF MY PRESENCE.

May 16, permitted Orient Royal Arch Chapter, No. 247, of Kittanning, to confer the Royal Arch Degree in my presence upon one candidate without waiting the usual time.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

Several requests were made for dispensations to confer the Royal Arch Degree without waiting the usual time required by the Constitution. From a personal point of view should have liked to please the Companions by complying with their wishes, but the reasons given did not justify me in setting aside the law—Section 10, Article XVI, of the Constitution.

It is my opinion that the Grand High Priest should not exercise his prerogative along these lines unless the case referred to him is exceedingly urgent. It would not be a good precedent to establish. There

would be no end to requests for dispensations if granted for the various reasons given in nearly all the petitions received during the year.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS.

March 6. M. E. Grand King, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, acting Most Excellent Grand High Priest. It was with sincere regret that owing to illness I was unable to attend the first Quarterly Communication after being installed.

The Mark Master Mason's Degree was exemplified by the officers of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, FRANK M. DEALY, Scribe, acting Worshipful Master. Grand Chapter was honored with the presence of Companion ELIAS WHITNEY, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of New York.

June 5. At this Communication a resolution was adopted authorizing the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to appoint a committee to arrange for a fitting celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent Master Mason Degree was exemplified by the officers of Germantown Royal Arch Chapter, No. 208, ALFRED C. MARPLE, King, acting Most Excellent Master.

September 5. At this Communication an In Memoriam of our late M. E. Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest, was read by M. E.

Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Grand High Priest.

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the officers of Allen Royal Arch Chapter, No. 203, Companion OWEN W. METZGER, Most Excellent High Priest, acting Most Excellent High Priest.

Distinguished visitors present:

ABRAHAM SHAW, Past Grand Zerubbabel of Canada; WILLIAM T. KUHN, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri and Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; SAM P. COCHRAN, Past Grand High Priest of Texas.

December 4. At this Communication an In Memoriam of our late M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Past Grand High Priest, was read by M. E. Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Past Grand High Priest, who was an intimate friend and associate of our late Companion for a long term of years.

Companion HARRY L. HÖRST was installed Most Excellent High Priest of St. John Royal Arch Chapter, No. 232, by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Grand Captain of the Host and Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction. Companion KINSLOE also arranged for all the exemplifications of the work in Grand Chapter during the year. He has been conscientious, faithful and efficient in the performance of important duty well done.

MADE AT SIGHT.

I called an Emergency Communication of Grand Chapter on November 21, 1919. This extraordinary

meeting was held in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, when the Degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason were conferred at sight upon Brother WILLIAM CAMERON SPROUL, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a member of Chester Lodge, No. 236, of Chester, Pennsylvania, who was Passed to the Chair on Thursday evening, September 11, 1919.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred by Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand King, and the Royal Arch Degree by Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The appointed Grand Officers were in their respective places and assisted in the conferring of the three degrees.

The following distinguished visitors were present:

M. E. Companions JEROME L. CHENEY, Deputy Grand High Priest; WILLIAM T. CHEVALIER, Grand King, and GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand Scribe, of New York.

M. E. Companion ERNEST F. SWEENEY, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, of Connecticut.

M. E. Companions W. FRANK SHARP, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; HENRY S. LEWIS, Grand King, and Companions STUART J. HORN, Grand Sec-

retary; CHARLES E. WILLIN, Grand Captain of Host; N. J. FISHER, Grand Principal Sojourner; WERT A. TROTTER, Grand Master Third Vail, and JOHN S. GROHE, Grand Chaplain of Delaware.

M. E. Companions RICHARD C. WOODWARD, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; ALBERT LEON, Grand King; JOSIAH S. DAVIDSON, Grand Scribe; EDWARD MILLS, Grand Treasurer, and LORENZO D. SANBORN, Past Grand High Priest, of New Jersey.

Companion EDGAR FAHS SMITH, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Companion GEORGE L. LOHRER, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

Grand Chapter was addressed in an interesting and impressive manner by the visitors, and particularly by the candidate, who was deeply impressed with the beautiful and significant work of Royal Arch Masonry.

NEW WARRANTS.

An application was received in September for a Warrant for a new Chapter at Dormont to be known as St. Clair Royal Arch Chapter, No. 305, and in December for a new Chapter at Homestead to be known as Homestead Royal Arch Chapter, No. 306. Both applications have been acted upon favorably, and the two new Chapters will be constituted on Saturday, January 10, 1920.

REHEARSALS.

Extra meetings were held during the year for rehearsing the Capitular Degrees in the presence of

the Grand Officers under the direction of the Principal of the School of Instruction.

March 6, in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction were invited, a large percentage of the officers and workers being present.

May 15, at Rochester, Pa., by the officers of Norman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 244, of Sharon; Delta Royal Arch Chapter, No. 170, of New Castle, and Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 206, of Beaver Falls.

May 16, at Kittanning, Pa., by the officers of Butler Royal Arch Chapter, No. 273, of Butler; Eden Royal Arch Chapter, No. 259, of Clarion, and Orient Royal Arch Chapter, No. 247, of Kittanning.

The three degrees were rehearsed at all the meetings.

APPOINTMENTS.

June 5, in accordance with the resolution adopted by Grand Chapter, I appointed a committee of all Past Grand High Priests to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers to arrange for the celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Grand Chapter in 1920.

July 24, Companion GEORGE G. BROWN, Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

December 4, M. E. Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, Past Grand High Priest, Chairman Trustees to fill a vacancy caused by death.

Representatives appointed from other Jurisdictions:

Companions CHARLES H. WEAVER, for Kentucky; JAMES E. MORRIS, for Mississippi; JOHN M. CORE, for Oregon, and JOHN S. WALLACE, for Scotland.

INVITATIONS.

February 3, 4 and 5, accompanied by the Grand Officers, I attended the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, held at Albany. We were courteously and fraternally received.

Owing to previous Masonic engagements I was reluctantly compelled to decline cordial invitations to attend the Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, the One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut and the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

JOSHUA ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening, January 25, I attended the Annual Meeting and banquet of the Joshua Association of Philadelphia.

The enthusiasm and fraternal feeling among the Companions convinced me that they are an Associa-

tion of efficient officers and good fellows. They are sincere, loyal and ever ready to serve. Am proud of the excellent results accomplished by them and the good work they are now doing for the benefit of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

GRAND VISITATIONS.

May 15, to Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 167, Rochester, Pa., upon the occasion of the celebration of their Seventieth Anniversary, accompanied by the Grand Officers.

May 16, to Orient Royal Arch Chapter, No. 247, Kittanning, Pa., upon the occasion of the celebration of their Forty-fifth Anniversary, accompanied by the Grand Officers.

INFORMAL VISITATIONS.

Have made the following informal visitations:

February 13, to Easton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 173, at Easton, accompanied by the Grand Royal Arch Captain.

March 10, to Allen Royal Arch Chapter, No. 203, at Allentown.

May 8, to Anthony Wayne Royal Arch Chapter, No. 204, at Honesdale.

May 9, to Palestine Royal Arch Chapter, No. 240, at Philadelphia.

June 6, to Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, at Philadelphia, upon the occasion of the celebration

of their One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary, accompanied by the Grand Officers.

June 12, to Pittston Royal Arch Chapter, No. 242, at Pittston.

July 8, to Lackawanna Royal Arch Chapter, No. 185, at Scranton.

October 11, to Tremont Royal Arch Chapter, No. 221, at Tremont.

October 21, to Lilly Royal Arch Chapter, No. 181, at Mauch Chunk.

October 24, to Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 161, at Towanda.

October 25, to Amity Royal Arch Chapter, No. 293, at Athens.

October 28, to Abington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 245, at Jenkintown, accompanied by the Grand Officers.

November 11, to Lackawanna Royal Arch Chapter, No. 185, at Scranton, and conferred the Royal Arch Degree.

November 15, to Hazleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 277, at Hazleton.

November 24, to Nanticoke Royal Arch Chapter, No. 287, at Nanticoke.

November 28, to Valley Royal Arch Chapter, No. 214, at Plymouth.

December 8, to Temple Royal Arch Chapter, No. 172, at Tunkhannock.

December 18, to Siegfried Royal Arch Chapter, No. 295, at Siegfried.

One or more degrees were conferred or rehearsed by the officers in my presence at all of these meetings.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

The Capitular Schools of Instruction at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are still energetic and loyal. The accurate work as taught by the schools, coupled with the warm fraternal spirit in which it is imparted throughout the Jurisdiction, is superbly commendable and worthy of the highest praise.

TO CHANGE PLACE OF MEETING.

Gave permission to University Royal Arch Chapter, No. 256, of Philadelphia, to change the place of meeting on Tuesday, February 18, from Masonic Temple to Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, upon receipt of a report from the District Deputy Grand High Priest that the said Temple could be securely tyled and put in proper condition for Chapter work.

RECEIVING AND BALLOTING ON PETITIONS.

Complaints have been made during the year, alleging irregularities in the receiving and balloting on petitions. Greater care should be exercised along these lines. The officers of our Chapters must be vigilant, and should clearly understand that a brother must of necessity be a Past Master by election or dispensation before he is permitted to sign a petition. It is my ardent desire to stimulate the growth and

increase the membership in our Jurisdiction, and shall do my utmost to assist in accomplishing the end desired, but every Chapter must be careful not to receive or ballot on the petition of any one who is not fully qualified in every particular.

DECISIONS.

A large number of questions have been asked during the year, which were answered by reference to the Constitution. The officers of the Chapters would greatly enhance their proficiency and relieve the work of the Grand High Priest if they would diligently search and become more familiar with the requirements of the Constitution. A careful perusal of the law on the part of the Most Excellent High Priest would materially help and guide him in the discharge of his duty and be of great benefit to the Chapter over which he has been called to preside.

Decided that a petition for initiation and membership cannot be signed by a petitioner or received by a Mark Lodge or Chapter in this Jurisdiction until the brother has been elected and installed as Worshipful Master or has been Passed to the Chair by virtue of a dispensation granted by the proper Masonic authority; and, further, that the signing of petitions without date or dating the petitions ahead of time is prohibited. Also that the petition must bear the date when the brother Passed to the Chair before the recommenders affix their signatures.

This decision is made to perpetuate the best interests of all concerned and is in conformity to good

Masonic practice, as a brother must be a Past Master by election or dispensation before signing the petition, whether it is dated or not.

The stability of Capitular Masonry will be best conserved by the exercise of every precaution and strict obedience to law.

Decided that there can be but one altar in a Mark Master Masons' Lodge, Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, and that the use of any additional altars for conferring degrees is prohibited.

Continued growth and progress is desirable, but the Chapters are admonished not to mar the dignity and impressiveness of the work by hurrying the candidates through. The officers should not schedule or attempt to do too much work in one evening. The proper solution of taking care of and conferring the degrees upon a large number of candidates is to call extra meetings for that purpose.

Decided that the loss of the index finger of the right hand does not disqualify a brother from receiving the Capitular degrees.

This decision was made upon the request of a Chapter to receive a petition from a brother and member of a Lodge in Pennsylvania before entering the service of our country, who had the misfortune of losing the index finger of his right hand caused by the explosion of a shell while in the performance of his military duty at the front in France.

Decided that brethren whose petitions had been approved, but had been called into the service before receiving any of the degrees, could have the work conferred upon them when they returned, whether the period of six months since the approval of their petition had elapsed or not. This was made to apply to those in the service of the United States, whether at home or over seas.

Decided that Mark Lodge and Chapter notices must be mailed or delivered to the members in separate envelopes, exclusive of notices of other bodies. This decision is made owing to errors on the part of Secretaries in mailing Chapter notices with other notices to brethren who are not members of a Chapter, and also because there is a tendency to forget the date of the Chapter meeting when in some cases the time is long between the date of the meeting of the Chapter and that of the other body.

The question was asked, will the Grand Chapter exempt the subordinate Chapters from payment of Grand Chapter dues for those Companions who were in the service of the late war this year?

Inasmuch as our Government has not yet signed a treaty of peace, and in view of the fact that many of our soldiers and sailors did not return until after the middle of the year, and knowing that several are still in the service, I decided that the resolution pertaining to that particular matter as per page 20 of our Proceedings for the year 1918 is still in force.

This, of course, only applies to the members whose dues are remitted by the subordinate Chapters.

Information was given me by a Companion that when he received the Degree of Mark Master Mason on November 6, 1911, he promptly submitted to the Secretary of the Chapter his mark.

Upon examination of the Book of Marks at a later date he discovered that his mark was not properly recorded, and expressed his opinion in part as follows:

“Since what I adopted and submitted was not recorded, I consider I do not have any mark. If I may be permitted, in view of the fact that I do not have a mark of my own choice, I desire to submit another design as my mark, and ask permission to have it recorded.”

The new design submitted differed materially from his original mark, and therefore refused him permission to substitute it or adopt and submit another.

The Secretary of the Chapter was remiss in his duty in not having the original mark properly recorded, and therefore directed him to make the necessary change in the Book of Marks by recording the mark as originally adopted and submitted.

Decided that smoking in the body of the open Chapter is strictly prohibited.

CONCLUSION.

A year ago many of our energetic Companions resolved to give their heart's best service to further

advance the work of Royal Arch Masonry in this great Jurisdiction.

Have our expectations been realized? Have our earnest hopes been gladdened into sweet fruition, or have we fallen short in the amount of work we expected to accomplish? The gathering of the year into its sheaf shows an exceptionally large harvesting of effort and accomplishment.

We have admitted during the year approximately 4500 new members, making our present numerical strength greater than any period in the history of Grand Chapter. We now have two Mark Lodges and 145 Chapters, with a total membership of approximately 44,000.

It is gratifying to know that Royal Arch Masonry is on a high level of efficiency, and that the spirit of intelligent co-operation is still rife in the work of constructive achievement.

Our strength as a whole is only the sum of the strength of individual life. Let us therefore cherish and perpetuate the pure and far-reaching principles of our fraternity and never suffer them to be tarnished by neglect.

Let harmony and good-will continue to characterize our work, brotherly love and affection fill our hearts, and thus convince all with whom we come into contact that we are cemented together in the very strongest ties of true companionship.

We have had convincing proof of the patriotic devotion of our people in the late war. Great sacrifices have been made here and overseas for the preservation of freedom and the rescue of humanity. Powerful empires and strongholds of tyranny have crumbled in the conflict.

A new day has dawned upon the world, but our obligations are yet with us. Having endured so much for victory, we are surely able to cope with the problems of peace. We still need the exercise of those qualities that helped to win the victory for civilization.

The restoration of normal conditions calls for our best efforts and continued patriotic service to country in the solution of our home problems.

This is the hour for straight thinking and clear action. Let us as Royal Arch Masons and as loyal American citizens enter into the work of reconstruction that is now so imperatively necessary to the welfare of our institutions, the sanctity of our homes and the preservation of our ideals.

The noble characters that have molded the Craft, and the faith that has sustained it, should ever be kept before us as an inspiration to be true to duty, ardent in the work and profound in our reverence for law, that the moral force of our life may tend to the elevation of humanity and the security of the nation.

And now may the three graces that are so impressively taught in our work—Faith, Hope and Charity—ever remain within our borders and continue to grow in blessedness, power and glory.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. DAVIS,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the following appointments:

APPOINTMENTS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250 and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WESLEY R. MORGAN, of Chester, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198).

and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion MILTON E. GINGRICH, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon.

4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, of York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

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13. Companion JOHN B. MANN, of Ridgway, for the Counties of Clearfield, Elk and McKean (except Chapter No. 254).

14. Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, of Coudersport, for the Counties of Potter and Tioga, and Chapter No. 254, of McKean County.

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A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Nevada announcing the death of E. Companion ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Grand Organist, on August 8, 1919.

Addresses were made by many of the Companions, congratulating the officers and Grand Chapter on the work of the year and expressing regret at the absence of our loved Grand Secretary and wishing him a speedy return to his accustomed good health.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty-five minutes P. M.

WARREN T. WALKER,
Acting Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF
THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- 1795, WILLIAM BALL.*
1796—1797, WILLIAM MOORE SMITH.*
1798—1802, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH.*
1802—1805, ISRAEL ISRAEL.*
1806—1813, JAMES MILNOR.*
1814, RICHARD TYBOUT.*
1815, SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.*
1816—1817, WALTER KERR.*
1818—1821, BAYSE NEWCOMB.*
1822—1823, JOSIAH RANDALL.*
1824—1825, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1826, JOHN STEELE, JR.*
1827, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN.*
1828, JOSEPH S. RILEY.*
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1832—1833, SAMUEL H. PERKINS.*
1834, ENOS S. GANDY.*
1835, JOHN Y. BLACK.*
1836—1840, JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.*
1841—1842, ALEXANDER DIMOND.*
1843—1844, WILLIAM WHITNEY.*
1845—1846, WILLIAM BARGER.*
1847, JOHN McGRATH.*
1848, JOHN J. KRIDER.*
1849, JAMES SIMPSON.*
1850—1851, DAVID C. SKERRETT.*
1852—1853, EDWARD P. LESCURE.*
1854, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE.*
1855—1856, HARMAN BAUGH.*
1857, JOHN C. SMITH.*
1858—1859, DANIEL THOMPSON.*
1860, BENJAMIN PARKE.*
1861, HARMAN YERKES.*

* Deceased.

- 1862—1863, JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON.*
1864—1865, GEORGE W. WOOD.*
1866—1867, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.*
1868—1869, GEORGE GRISCOM.*
1870—1871, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1874—1875, ANDREW ROBENO, JR.*
1876, GEORGE E. WAGNER.*
1877—1878, ALFRED R. POTTER.*
1879—1880, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON.*
1881—1882, HIBBERT P. JOHN.
1883—1884, AUGUSTUS R. HALL.*
1885—1886, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.*
1887—1888, MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.*
1889—1890, JAMES S. BARBER.*
1891—1892, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.*
1893—1894, EDGAR A. TENNIS.
1895—1896, EZRA S. BARTLETT.*
1897—1898, RICHARD M. JOHNSON.*
1899—1900, MICHAEL W. JACOBS.
1901—1902, EDWARD B. SPENCER.*
1903—1904, H. OSCAR KLINE.
1905—1906, J. HENRY WILLIAMS.*
1907—1908, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH.
1909—1910, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.
1911—1912, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.
1913—1914, GEORGE B. WELLS.
1915—1916, PORTER W. LOWRY.
1917—1918, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.
1919— DAVID J. DAVIS.

* Deceased.

An Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
JAMES R. CONNELLY.....	No. 3	June 24, 1919
WILLIAM L. GORGAS.....	" 21	Jan. 31, 1919
J. HENRY WILLIAMS.....	" 52	Oct. 24, 1919
FRANCIS RIPKA, JR.....	" 52	May 4, 1919
AARON H. MANDERBACH...	" 52	Mar. 22, 1919
WILLIAM M. WEBER.....	" 52	May 29, 1918
SAMUEL DAVIS.....	" 91	Feb. 23, 1919
FREDERICK P. HELLER....	" 152	Oct. 29, 1919
JAMES H. CODDING.....	" 161	Sept. 12, 1919
FRANK C. McKEE.....	" 161	Feb. 19, 1919
JOHN H. DEAN.....	" 161	Apr. 10, 1919
BLAIR B. YOUNG.....	" 166	Mar. 23, 1919
JOSEPH S. BRIGGS.....	" 167	1919
FRANK L. S. ROBINSON....	" 167	Mar. 4, 1919
PHINEAS GARRETT.....	" 169	Dec. 12, 1918
HARRY DREW	" 173	July 2, 1919
D. C. KASEMAN.....	" 174	Apr. 17, 1919
CHARLES H. PETER.....	" 174	Jan. 24, 1919
AMBROSE H. SHARPLESS..	" 178	Oct. 16, 1919
GUSTAVE F. SWIGERT.....	" 179	June 28, 1919
HENRY B. WILBUR.....	" 179	July 3, 1919
WILLIAM R. MORSS.....	" 179	June 12, 1919
WILLIAM R. BUTLER.....	" 181	June 23, 1919
JOHN M. SMILEY.....	" 183	Mar. 14, 1917
JOHN FOSTER SCRAGG.....	" 185	Feb. 23, 1919

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	CHAPTER	DIED
WILLIAM H. WREN.....	No. 186	July 1, 1919
LEVI PORTSER.....	" 192	Mar. 27, 1919
WILLIAM A. EARLY.....	" 193	Apr. 22, 1919
W. EARLE CHAMPAIGN, JR. "	194	Nov. 4, 1918
JOHN H. WOODS.....	" 195	Dec. 14, 1918
CHRISTIAN A. SEIDEL.....	" 196	Dec. 9, 1918
FREDERICK A. TENCATE..	" 198	Sept. 14, 1919
JOHN H. BIRCHALL.....	" 203	Dec. 4, 1918
REUBEN E. TAFT.....	" 207	Feb. 23, 1919
JACOB D. KUHL.....	" 207	May 26, 1919
WALTER BOWDITCH.....	" 208	Oct. 10, 1919
HERBERT H. HURST.....	" 208	Sept. 7, 1919
MORRIS A. BORHEK.....	" 216	Sept. 7, 1919
HENRY G. RESE, JR.....	" 217	July 20, 1919
JOHN W. EVANS.....	" 218	Jan. 15, 1919
JOHN A. WENTZ.....	" 220	May 29, 1919
THOMAS A. BROWN.....	" 220	Feb. 9, 1919
CHARLES W. SALLADA.....	" 222	Feb. 21, 1919
J. PITT FELT.....	" 227	July 1, 1919
WILLIAM C. LANGSFORD...	" 228	June 15, 1918
CHARLES R. BECK.....	" 235	June 10, 1919
CARL A. WHEELOCK.....	" 235	Jan. 1, 1919
JOHN P. HOPPLE.....	" 238	
EDWIN H. COANE.....	" 240	Feb. 17, 1919
JOHN HISLOP.....	" 242	Mar. 5, 1919

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
T. WILBUR KYTE.....	No. 242	Oct. 17, 1919
FRANKLIN S. BOWER.....	" 243	Aug. 1, 1919
JACOB H. WAGNER.....	" 246	Feb. 24, 1919
WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....	" 248	July 29, 1919
EDWARD B. SPENCER.....	" 250	Feb. 15, 1919
ALEXANDER R. COLHOUN..	" 250	Oct. 9, 1919
CLEMENT H. COLE.....	" 254	Feb. 26, 1919
DANIEL DOOLEY.....	" 256	Dec. 3, 1918
DANIEL O. WHITE.....	" 259	May 3, 1919
DAVID C. GREENEWALD...	" 260	Apr. 10, 1919
MILTON J. POTTER.....	" 263	Feb. 15, 1919
CHARLES P. GETTIER.....	" 266	Mar. 11, 1919
JOHN W. PRATT.....	" 267	July 15, 1919
THOMAS C. VAUX.....	" 270	Apr. 1, 1919
ELIJAH DEAROLF.....	" 271	Feb. 10, 1919
GEORGE E. WILLMAN.....	" 271	May 27, 1919
FRANK W. HOBLITZELL...	" 272	Feb. 17, 1919
MICHAEL H. EISMAN.....	" 276	May 9, 1919
JOHN W. CRELLIN.....	" 277	Mar. 13, 1919
CLAUDIUS V. GILLIS.....	" 279	July 17, 1919
HENRY M. KELLER.....	" 285	Oct. 18, 1918
RICHARD C. RANKIN.....	" 286	Dec. 29, 1918
JAMES H. SMITH.....	" 298	Feb. 26, 1919

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned:

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Alberta	
Alabama	December
Arizona	November
Arkansas	November
California	April
Canada	January
Colorado	September
Connecticut	May
Delaware	January
District of Columbia	February
England	May
England and Wales	December
England, Grand Mark Lodge....	June
Florida	May
General Grand Chapter	September
Georgia	April
Idaho	June
Illinois	October
Indiana	October
Iowa	July
Ireland	December
Kansas	February
Kentucky	October
Louisiana	February
Maine	May

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
P. G. H. P.

JOSEPH L. MANN.

Maryland	November	}	WILLIAM R. MURPHEY.
Massachusetts	December		
Michigan	January		
Minnesota	October		
Mississippi	February		
Missouri	April		
Montana	September		
Nebraska	December		
Nevada	June		
New Brunswick	August		
New Hampshire	May		
New Jersey	May		
New Mexico	October	}	JOHN M. CORE.
New York	February		
North Carolina	June		
North Dakota	June		
Nova Scotia	June		
Ohio	October		
Oklahoma	April		
Oregon	June		
Quebec	March		
Rhode Island	March		
Scotland	March		
South Carolina	February		
South Wales	February	}	WALTER T. TAGGART.
South Dakota	June		
Tennessee	January		
Texas	December		
Utah	May		
Vermont	June		
Victoria	October		
Virginia	November		
Washington	June		
West Virginia	November		
Wisconsin	February		
Wyoming	March		

The alphabetical distribution of the several Jurisdictions is still continued.

The present high price of material admonishes brevity in review.

We have endeavored to review the proceedings of all Grand Jurisdictions which have been received by our Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta has been accorded recognition by our Grand Chapter. We have always held that a Grand Chapter must have exclusive jurisdiction over all the subordinate Chapters within its territorial limits before it can receive recognition from our Grand Chapter. As soon as the difficulties between the Grand Chapters of Canada and Alberta were adjusted, and the subordinate Chapters of Alberta had given allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, recognition followed. The mails can be blamed for the delay of a year. The time will come when every Province in the Dominion of Canada having a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters will be a Grand Jurisdiction.

Without doubt 1919 is the banner year in Capitular Masonry. All Chapters (with but rare exceptions) in our Jurisdiction have made a healthy and substantial growth. In fact, the Chapter which has not made considerable growth has but little interest in Ancient Masonry, and the members will be found to be worshiping strange Gods.

We note that some complaint is made by other Jurisdictions about the excessive increase in our Jurisdiction, saying they have not come of their own free will. This declaration would have force in the introduction into Symbolic Masonry, but has no force whatever in Capitular Masonry. The Brother who

has received the Master Mason's Degree and is otherwise qualified, and is desirous of completing his knowledge of Ancient Masonry, is certainly entitled to receive the Capitular Degrees. What we have said about the increase in our Jurisdiction can be said of all Jurisdictions on the American Continent. Still, the increase has not kept pace with Symbolic Masonry. The percentage of Symbolic Masons who receive the Capitular Degrees has not increased in the last five years.

The war ended more than a year ago, but peace terms have not been ratified. May peace, based upon American ideas, come quickly, and may "Government of the people, by the people and for the people" be finally established in every land, and may the common enemy of peace, law and authority be given his just deserts, so that our Brethren and Companions who made the supreme sacrifice in the world's war may not have died in vain.

A prosperous year has passed; a new year is here. What of it?

W. B. M.

December 27, 1919.

ALABAMA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama held their Ninety-second Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, on Monday, December 2, 1918, at one o'clock P. M.

Following the custom of one year ago, the Deputy Grand High Priest opened Grand Chapter in *Due Form*, which was followed by an eloquent and fervent prayer by the Grand Chaplain. They have but one, but he certainly sizes up to the position. Two appointed officers were absent. Ten Past Grand High Priests were present; also the Representatives of fifty-four subordinate Chapters.

A large number of Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas were present, the absentees being the Representatives of Maine, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, who were in the service of their country.

A Committee consisting of the Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Principal Sojourner escorted the Most Excellent Grand High Priest into the Grand Chapter. His entrance was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and he was given the grand honors and escorted to the East.

The address is quite lengthy, giving a complete history of his administration. His introduction is pleasing. We quote it:

COMPANIONS:—The year preceding this, the Ninety-second Annual Convocation of this august body, will forever be regarded as the most eventful in the world's history. This year 1918—the year that will be enshrined in the hearts of all true lovers of liberty, regardless of creed, religion or race—marks the most important and far-reaching epoch in the political transactions of civilized society. In it has ended the world-old conflict, commencing when men first became numerous on this earth, the conflict between two theories of government; autocracy against democracy, the “divine?” right of kings against government by the consent of the people governed, might against right. The principles here referred to have been settled, and settled right for all times; and settled in full accord upon the principles upon which our Order is founded, and upon the practice of which we have deserved our continued existence and growth.

It must be a matter of just pride to us that this nation finally realized the attempt of the autocracies to forever crush self-government and enslave the world, and came, even at the eleventh hour, to the aid of the champions of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, and in time to turn the tide of battle and forever obliterate the effete, despotic and irresponsible autocracies from the face of the earth.

In this war, as in all former struggles for right and liberty, its history when written will disclose that to none is more honor and glory due than to the members of our Fraternity of this nation and this State. Our most important duty at this time should be to preserve for all time the military record of the Companions of this Jurisdiction.

He issued an appeal to the subordinate Chapters for funds for illiteracy campaign. While illiteracy is deplorable, education is a duty of the State. Good school laws and rigid enforcement of the same will do more than all else, and produce results.

The usual number of dispensations to elect officers and ballot out of time were issued, doubtless regarding the war situation as a justification for issuing dispensations to ballot out of time. The war being ended, we hope that the exercise of a doubtful prerogative may not be continued.

Dispensations for the formation of two new Chapters were issued.

Four decisions were made, all of which are good Masonic law, one especially so, when he decides that to allow the request of a Chapter to confer the degrees for less than that named in the By-laws would be a violation of Sec. 5, Article IV, of the Constitution.

Under the head of "Profanity" he uses the following language:

The Royal Arch Mason is under no greater obligation than to reverence the name of God; profanity is therefore unmasonic; yet many thoughtlessly fall into this evil habit. I have never exalted a candidate during the last year without emphasizing this important point, and the results have been good. I commend to my successor and the High Priests the continuation of this effort to stamp out profanity.

Hope he may succeed. There is no more vile, useless and disgusting habit than profanity. As Freemasons we should urge all to reverence God's name.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance of twenty-seven hundred and sixty-five and 97/100 dollars (\$2765.97).

The Grand Secretary's report, from reports received, shows the membership to be six thousand one hundred and fifty-three (6153). Eight Chapters failed to make reports. It shows an increase in membership of eight hundred and sixty-one (861).

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made an able report. We quote:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest relating to the

powers and duties of the Grand High Priest being somewhat vague and uncertain, as set out in the Constitution and By-laws, and directing your Committee to report a more definite scheme, beg to report as follows :

The powers and duties of the Grand High Priest are such as ancient custom and usage sanctions, provided such custom and usage is not subversive of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter. His powers are limited by the Constitution and By-laws, and he may not transcend their plain mandates.

His duties are whatever he finds for his hands to do, guided by his heart and head, that are not inconsistent with our landmarks, and written Constitution, By-laws and approved edicts.

We approve decision No. 1. Lest some expressions therein contained, unnecessarily to the decision, be construed as permitting under some circumstances, the granting of dispensation to confer degrees for a sum less than that prescribed by the Constitution, the Committee recommend that it be made plain, and that under no circumstances can the Grand High Priest grant dispensation to confer degrees for less than the constitutional fee.

Chairman Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE, of the Committee on Correspondence, presents an able and interesting report. Pennsylvania is awarded quite a lengthy review. The orders and decisions of the Grand High Priest are not subject to review, but are final and conclusive, until some succeeding Grand High Priest sees fit to change them.

We have always believed that the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest are not above the Constitution; that in the discharge of his duty he is limited by the Constitution, which cannot be set aside.

M. E. Companion JOSEPH D. MATLOCK was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCAMP re-elected Grand Secretary.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the first page of the proceedings.

W. B. M.

ALBERTA.

The Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was held in the city of Red Deer, on Monday, March 12, 1919. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M.

All Grand Officers were present. Eighteen of the twenty Chapters were represented.

The Grand Z.'s address is short, and refers to such matters as were presented to him.

A dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter at Strathmore was issued.

A number of decisions were made, most of which are good Masonic law. There is one, however, that we cannot endorse, as follows:

1.—Does a member who has been suspended in the Blue Lodge, for non-payment of dues, become automatically suspended in the Chapter?

Ans.—As the non-payment of dues is not a Masonic offence, the suspension would not follow.

In our Jurisdiction, when a member of a Lodge ceases to be in good Masonic standing by suspension for non-payment of dues, or for any other cause, after a certain time he ceases to be a member of a Chapter; in other words, to retain his standing in a Chapter he must be a member of a Lodge.

He reports that all but six Grand Chapters of the world have recognized their Grand Chapter. We know that there are at this writing but five, as Pennsylvania at the Quarterly Communication, December 4, 1919, gave them the glad hand by recog-

nizing them and agreeing to exchange of Representatives. Blame the mails for it not coming a year sooner. We wish this Grand Chapter success in every sense of the word.

A large number of dispensations for various purposes were issued. Under the conditions, this was to be expected. As they grow in years and wisdom they will view this subject different. The Committee on the Grand Z.'s address sounds a warning on this subject, as follows:

In reference to the dispensation granted to ballot on and confer degrees on a soldier of his Majesty's forces at the same Convocation, while we can appreciate the Grand Z.'s position and concur with him in his decision under these most trying circumstances, but we advise that this ruling should not be taken as a precedent for similar action under any other circumstances.

The report of the Grand Superintendent shows the subordinate Chapters, with but few exceptions, to be active and energetic in the good work of advancing the best interests of Capitular Masonry.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows the present membership to be nineteen hundred and twelve (1912), a net gain of forty-one (41). Not very encouraging, but it is an increase. War and influenza had much to do with it. Next year will be better. They, however, reduced their debt during the year nine hundred and twenty-seven and 75/100 dollars (\$927.75), leaving a debt of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500).

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a short report.

M. E. Companion MELVIN M. DOWNEY was elected Grand Z., and R. E. Companion JOHN E. JOHNSON re-elected Grand Scribe E. Both were installed.

An engraving of the retiring Grand Z. adorns the first page.

W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona held their Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Prescott, on Wednesday, February 12, 1919.

Grand Chapter was opened at two o'clock P. M. by M. E. Companion JAMES HENRY BARRETT, Grand High Priest. There were four vacant stations and places, which were filled by temporary appointments. Eight Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of all subordinate Chapters were present.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief, and is a review of his official acts. He says that the duties of the office during the year were few. He made no official visits to any of the subordinate Chapters, due to war activities; hence he has no apology to make. He granted but two dispensations, one being for conferring the degree out of time. By his authority a new Chapter was constituted at Jerome, to be known as Jerome Chapter, No. 11.

The total assets of the Grand Chapter, as shown by the Grand Treasurer's report, are eight thou-

sand eight hundred and nine and 6/100 dollars (\$8809.06).

The membership December 31, 1918, according to the Grand Secretary's report, was nine hundred and fourteen (914), a gain during the year of eighteen (18). This may be regarded as a small increase, but it must be remembered that Arizona is not a populous State. It is a satisfaction to say that the membership of the Grand Chapter is made up of active, zealous and enthusiastic Masons.

There was no report from the Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK P. CRUCE was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest is on the first page.

W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas held their Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 21, 1918.

Grand Chapter was opened at nine A. M. by M. E. Companion THOMAS J. WOODS. Only two of the Grand Officers were absent. Forty-three Chapters were represented. Seven Past Grand High Priests were present.

The Grand High Priest presented a very able and instructive address. He refers to the war in the following language:

Since our last convocation, the present generation has witnessed and experienced the most calamitous events which have occurred within the limits of history. Practically the whole world has been involved in the greatest conflict of all the ages. The forces of evil, enemies to human liberty, Christian civilization and modern progress have been consolidated against the peoples that stand for human rights and Christian civilization. We have witnessed and experienced the effects of the world conflict between the aggregated forces—a gigantic contest between good and evil, right and wrong.

This is no new conflict. These antagonistic forces have been in active operation since the fall of man, but never before has there been such an alignment of the opposing elements. We have been indeed in the midst of a veritable Armageddon.

Companions, though we are in the depths of sorrow and grief, though distressed by the cries of anguish and grief of millions of suffering non-combatants, women and children, whose appeals for our charity reach us from more than half of the world, and notwithstanding the hardships, suffering and the death of millions of the heroic troops of our Allies in the Old World, and the sad fact that millions of our citizens, our sons, have been in the fields of carnage, displaying that courage and heroism so characteristic of the citizens of our glorious Republic, there is in anticipation a commensurate compensation: we have witnessed the defeat and the beginning process of extinction of that brutal autocracy, that despotism, which had for its purpose the destruction of all free institutions and governments. We have beheld the downfall of autocracy, and of every political influence which would curtail human liberty, welfare, and happiness. I believe I express an axiomatic truth which will be shared by all present: It is the leaven of Freemasonry, and the incarnation of the cardinal principles of our glorious institution by its votaries, which has constituted the dynamic forces which are now driving political tyranny from the world, and establishing a world democracy.

The principles and teachings which underlie the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons have done much in the past for the betterment of the world, and in the World's War have brought about a condition

which indicates that those principles have been diffused among all people.

He is greatly delighted at the great progress made by the various Lodges and Chapters, as is indicated by the following:

During the past year the institutions of Masonry have flourished as never before in their history: the subordinate Chapters and Lodges have been worked to the limits of their capacity to confer the degrees. Never before have the institutions of Freemasonry been more harmonious and prosperous. And their beneficence has been coextensive with the calls of suffering and distress. The institutions of Masonry, differing from all others, make no public display of their philanthropy, no extravagant claims for their beneficence, but "as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing." As the dew distilled in the shadow of night, lingering on the rose to be kissed by the rays of the rising sun, gives the effulgence of the diamond and the prismatic tints of the rainbow, and adds to its aroma and queenly beauty, so it is that the human heart, when touched by the divinely ordained principles of this institution, develops and energizes the noble impulses and inspirations of the soul. As night reveals the stars, the great mass of the material universe, the immense worlds within infinite space, the scintillating jewels of the sky, so it is that the gloom that now obscures our intellectual and moral skies is penetrated and illuminated by the merits and virtues of our beloved Fraternity. Happy are we that the providence of the Great Architect of the Universe has shown to this generation that which the great and good of past ages have prayed for and longed to see.

We agree with him that Freemasonry has made more rapid progress during the year closing than ever before. It has been said that many Lodges have gone into the wholesale business. Does it produce a healthy condition?

Thirty-eight dispensations for various purposes were issued, twelve being for those in the service of their country.

His visitations were few. He says, like angels' visits, few and far between.

Several decisions were made, none of any importance to our Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance on hand of thirty-five hundred and twenty-three and 30/100 dollars (\$3523.30). They purchased five thousand dollars' (\$5000) worth of Liberty Bonds.

The Grand Secretary's report shows great carelessness on the part of Secretaries of subordinate Chapters in making the required returns. Only fifty Chapters out of eighty-eight Chapters have made the required returns; hence the Grand Secretary was unable to complete the exact membership. We conclude that a complete report will show a substantial increase in membership.

There is no report from the Committee on Correspondence in the proceedings.

M. E. Companion DAVID I. MILLS was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion JOHN C. BONE re-elected Grand Secretary. Their installation followed.

The first page contains an engraving of the newly elected Grand High Priest.

W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was

held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by M. E. Companion WILLIAM PARKER FILMER, Grand High Priest. The Committee on Credentials shows present:

All of the Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Captain of the Host, nine Past Grand High Priests, twenty-nine Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of California, eight survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906, who were in attendance at Grand Chapter and present on the morning session of that date, the representatives of ninety-two chartered Chapters, and forty-eight Past High Priests not otherwise accounted for.

Sixteen Chapters were not represented.

The Grand High Priest's address is able and instructive. The introduction is appropriate to the time. We quote:

With feelings of reverence and thanksgiving to the Great I Am, we meet here this morning with hearts lightened and gladdened that through the dark pall that has so long hovered over the world, emerges the light of peace.

The oppression that the oppressor would inflict upon the nations of the earth has been overthrown. The forces of evil have been conquered by the forces that stand for righteousness. Envy and malice, hatred and cruelty, have shamelessly and wantonly possessed the lives and minds of those who would terrorize and enslave humanity. Wanton waste of human life and devastation of fair lands, savage butchery unspeakable, have held sway for more than four long and weary years. Unendurable suffering has been the lot of millions. Liberty was mangled and murdered. But the spirit of liberty and freedom has finally triumphed, and out of the darkness of ignorance, despair and distorted ideals, emerges the light of knowledge, reason and the conquest of the might of right.

Down through the ages men have labored and toiled for the brotherhood of man. The bards and the poets have sung its praises. The human race has struggled and fought for individual liberty and equality of opportunity.

The sublime ideals of Aristotle and Plato, of Socrates and Jesus, have been foully perverted to the purposes of the persecutor and the users of irresponsible power.

But the great world conflict has been waged and won. The forces of democracy are in the ascendant. The hopes and aspirations of men turn towards a peace that will ultimately permit the free exercise of the virtues of honesty of purpose, of concord and happiness, one with another. Bolshevism and anarchy cannot long retard the progress of the world toward stable government. May the powers of the mighty defend and protect the weak and defenseless. May the enlightened patiently teach and gently exhort the ignorant and wayward. May God speed the time when the man who produces by the sweat of his brow shall enjoy the fruits of honest endeavor. May religion be liberated from the bondage of temporal power and government freed from enlistment against the votaries of sect or creed.

The perfect peace shall come only when the chief aim of man shall be expressed in unselfish service to humanity; when the love of country merges into the higher patriotism of love of man.

“When memory of battles
At last is strange and old,
When nations have one banner,
And creeds have found one fold;

“When hand that sprinkles midnight
With its powdered drifts of suns
Has hushed this tiny tumult
Of sects and swords and guns;

“Then hate’s last note of discord
In all God’s worlds shall cease,
In the conquest which is service,
In the Victory which is peace.”

To what extent the principles and teachings of Masonry have assisted and supported the cause of humanity and ameliorated its condition may never be known, but our beloved Order spreads abroad the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man, and in the breasts of Masons is instilled the Democracy of the Soul.

Nineteen dispensations were granted, many growing out of the war. The Grand High Priest evidently doubted his authority and recommended that a new section be adopted to provide for such emergency

cases as involve brethren in the military or naval services of the country. The Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed his recommendation.

The question of dispensations to receive petitions and confer degrees out of time is a dangerous subject. We believe that in many cases the provisions of the Constitution and the ancient usages of the Royal Craft are violated and there can be no justification except the exercise of the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest. Pardon for asking a question: Has the Grand High Priest authority to issue any dispensations, except those permitted by the Constitution or ancient usages of Freemasonry?

In speaking of delinquent members he regrets that a considerable number are suspended each year for non-payment of dues, and condemns the practice of Chapters carrying on their roll members who are in arrears for a number of years, and finally suspending them. He argues that the by-laws should be enforced and suspension follow, that more would be restored, as it is easier to pay one year's dues than four or five. He is absolutely correct. Many years' experience has convinced the writer that but a very small percentage of those who have been carried on the rolls of the Chapter for years and then suspended are ever restored to membership. Enforce the by-laws and we will have more Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the invested assets of the Grand Chapter to be sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$67,000), with a cash balance of twelve

thousand four hundred and sixty-eight and 50/100 dollars (\$12,468.50) ; total assets, seventy-nine thousand four hundred and seventy-eight and 50/100 dollars (\$79,478.50).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be fourteen thousand two hundred and thirteen (14,213), a net gain of one hundred and eighty-seven (187).

The Grand Lecturer makes a very interesting report. He made but few visitations during the year, war and pestilence (influenza) making it impossible.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again presented by Companion HUGH KING MCKERITT. It is on the same line as last year. It is able and instructive.

M. E. Companion ELMER HOOVER MCGOWAN was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion THOMAS ABRAHAM DAVIES was re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

The first page has an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest.

W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held under great difficulties.

The Grand Chapter met in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on Wednesday, February 26, 1919.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by R. E. Companion ROBERT HAWKINS, acting Grand Z. None of the regular officers were present, but the acting Grand Z. stated M. E. Companion A. S. GORRELL, Grand Z., had instructed that arrangements were made to adjourn this meeting of Grand Chapter to a later date on account of the severity of the climate at the present time of the year in the city of Winnipeg.

The following resolution was adopted:

That this convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada adjourn until Wednesday, twenty-first day of May, 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Then we have the following:

Owing to labor conditions of unrest in the city of Winnipeg at the date Grand Chapter was to have resumed business in that city it was found necessary to postpone the Annual Convocation, and subsequently the Grand Z. directed that Grand Chapter should resume business in the city of Toronto, Tuesday, June 17, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M.

On Tuesday, June 17, at ten o'clock A. M., the Grand Chapter of Canada resumed business in the new Masonic Temple, in the city of Toronto. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion ARTHUR S. GORRELL, Grand Z., a large number of regular officers being absent. Only seventy-one Chapters were represented.

The Grand Z. presented an able address, which should be satisfactory to all present and Royal Arch Masons generally.

He expresses sympathy with the Companions of Winnipeg at being unable to hold their Sixty-first Annual Convocation in "Gateway City of the West." Elaborate arrangements had been made for their entertainment.

He says it is not his intention to mention the "world's great struggle," but to refer briefly to those of his country who helped to make the "world's great struggle" a success for democracy, and thus refers to the sons of Canada who so gallantly and gloriously participated in the great struggle:

I wish particularly to interest your thoughts and sympathy for those who have returned other than in a condition of physical fitness, and to strongly impress upon your minds that the glib phrases so readily dropping from the lips of many people, to the effect that the returned soldier has become unfitted by his martial life to easily resume his civilian duties, or that he is suffering from a general condition of neurasthenia, which renders him unfit for office work, are absolutely untrue. There is nothing more desired by the returned soldier than the privilege of being permitted to resume his civilian standing, with such assistance as may be necessary, owing to the particular circumstances applicable to each individual case. Many of these men cannot resume their previous occupations owing to disabilities contracted while serving their country's need, and provision must be made to see that these boys are placed in proper positions according to their abilities. The Government has generously provided different forms of instruction to enable those suffering from disabilities to embark upon new forms of living and methods of maintenance, and it is most pleasing to notice with what eagerness these returned boys embrace these opportunities for fitting themselves to become useful citizens. Nevertheless, many of these men will never be physically able to take up the full duties of life, and will have to be content to perform such work as may fall within the limit of their capacity. For this class the Government has provided a pension, so that they may be able to obtain the necessities of life, and possibly some of the luxuries. The question of pension is not one to be dealt with in this address, but it must be mentioned, as it leads to the next step.

He discusses Masonic Benevolence and Charity as follows:

The word Charity has practically lost its meaning in these later days, and now seems to convey the intention of the giving of money to more or less deserving applicants. I totally disagree with this conception of the word, when applied to Masonry. To my mind it is to extend to a Brother who is in distress or who may have done wrong or who may have committed a grave crime against the laws of the country kindly sympathy and assistance as may be justified in a case under consideration. Do not mistake my meaning. I am unalterably opposed to the mantle of Masonic Charity covering the wrongdoing of any kind, either Masonic or civil, but I think true Masonic Charity consists in a friendly interest and kindly sympathy to a Brother whose pathway of life has not been of the rosiest, and in overlooking small personal faults and characteristics, sins of omission and commission, and all the frailties to which the human flesh is heir. No man is perfect; we have all our faults, some good in a greater or less degree, some bad in a greater or less degree, and our Masonic Charity should pardon and condone to the utmost that strict justice will permit; but *Masonic Benevolence* is of another character, and brings to our minds certain definite duties which we as Masons owe to each other and to the dependents of each other. Many, in fact all, Masonic grand bodies have a rest or reserve fund for Brethren suffering from the misfortunes of life. Its administration is expressed in many different forms, such as Masonic Homes, orphan asylums, schools, and direct money grants.

It is not my purpose to discuss the different forms in which the dispersal of Masonic Benevolence may be made, because each form has many good points, but rather to invite your attention to the fact that, owing to the great number of fraternal beneficent societies now operating in our country, there seems to be a subconscious feeling, in many cases, that grants from Masonic benevolent funds are a *quid pro quo* for money paid into the Craft. This sentiment cannot be too strongly condemned, as grants from Masonic Benevolence are in no wise similar to money paid for insurance to the different fraternal insurance organizations and must ever be regarded as one of the sacred privileges of Masonry whereby the Brethren freely and voluntarily extend to a needy Brother such help as may be needful in the time of trouble.

Masonic benevolence in the present day and generation is dispensed with a lavish hand. Witness our Masonic Home at Elizabethtown.

In reply to a letter from M. E. Companion HENRY WATSON, in reference to the formation of the proposed Grand Chapter of British Columbia, he replied as follows:

As the Grand Chapter of Canada had already placed itself on record regarding the formation of Grand Chapters in the different provinces, which declaration will be found on page 206 of the Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1917, it was with much pleasure that I replied to M. E. Companion WATSON, wishing him and the Companions of British Columbia every success in their endeavors, and assuring them that they would meet with nothing but the kindest of fraternal good will from the Grand Chapter of Canada. I also drew his attention to the fact that he was to be particularly careful that every Chapter in British Columbia was represented by a duly accredited Representative.

We believe the Grand Z. did a gracious act in making the way clear for the formation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. Canada is a vast country, and we believe the time will come when each of its provinces will have a Grand Chapter.

The reports of the "Grand Superintendent" are, as usual, very interesting reading, and a concise history of the Capitular Masonry during the year. The far-off Klondike Chapter, No. 154, at Dawson (Yukon Territory), is apparently on the wane, having suffered a loss of membership during the year. All conditions appear to be against it.

A number of decisions, or rulings, as they are termed by our Canadian Companions, were made, most of which are good Masonic law. One differs materially from our custom. We give it:

Is it permissible to confer any part or all of the work of the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees on more than one candidate at one and the same time? If so, at what point in each of these degrees is such action allowable?

Ans.—It is not contemplated that more than one candidate should receive the degrees at the same time, nor is any provision made for so doing. Custom, however, has countenanced the entrance of an unlimited number of candidates for the Most Excellent Master's Degree, and I think this may be continued. In the Mark Master Degree one candidate only should be admitted until after the obligation.

He discusses the future in an able manner. It is lengthy, but we give an extract from it:

I am frankly afraid of the future. It would be rash to deny that all sorts of heterodoxy is being preached throughout the land. Socialism, extreme radicalism and the doctrines of the Bolshevik find their expounders in every place where men are gathered together—on the street corners, in the corridors of our public buildings, in our railway carriages. Every day may be heard outspoken exponents of these ideas, and our country requires the service of the large brains and level heads of her foremost men to curb the dangerous propaganda. Masonry, as Masonry, must not, and I trust will not, enter into this turmoil of unrest, but that her teachings will be made manifest in individual Masons who, acting in their capacity as citizens of this great country, must set themselves against the cry of the mob, which howls to down those who are responsible for direction of affairs, and they must be equally resistant to the arrogant assumption of power in the hands of a few. Pure democracy is the government of the people, by the will of the people, and any departure from this law leads to autocracy or mob rule.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows the membership, December 31, 1918, to be twenty thousand four hundred and four (20,404), a net gain of eight hundred and three (803) during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the investments of the Grand Chapter to be thirty-two thousand three hundred and forty-one and 83/100 dollars (\$32,341.83). Cash on hand, eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-six and 13/100 dollars (\$8796.13).

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry shows the Chapters of the Juris-

diction, with two exceptions, to be in a flourishing condition, and strong financially, which is especially satisfactory to the Grand Z.

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence submitted his fourth annual report. His reports are always prepared with care. He gives our Jurisdiction a complimentary notice. He quotes portions of Grand High Priest MCCONNELL'S address in reference to the powers of the Grand High Priest. With us the Grand High Priest is supreme.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON was elected Grand Z., and R. E. Companion HENRY T. SMITH was re-elected Grand Scribe E. Both were installed.

An engraving of M. E. Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, Grand Z., adorns the first page of the proceedings.

W. B. M.

COLORADO.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in the Masonic Temple, Denver, on Thursday, October 9, 1919.

M. E. Companion HERBERT S. SANDS, Grand High Priest, opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. All Grand Officers (except Grand Chaplain) and Representatives of forty-five Chapters were present.

The Grand Representatives of Foreign Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Colorado

were introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest. E. Companion L. CAIN responded on behalf of the Grand Representatives in an eloquent address, from which we quote:

Since last you assembled in Annual Convocation much has happened of intense interest and importance. One year ago the titanic struggle was still engrossing millions of men. Few appreciated that the end was so near. The whole world seemed to have settled down for long years more of terrible warfare. America had at last entered the war in fact. The enemy had had a taste of her strength, and it was not to their liking. The new world was giving freely of its moral and material strength to beat back the hordes of the North and East. It was hoped that with America's aid the progress of imperialism would be checked and defeated. Two years more, at the least, was assigned in which the armies of right would encompass the complete destruction of the greatest military power on earth.

The 11th of November came, and with it also came glad tidings. The war was over and the victory gained. The earth resounded with a mighty shout, for the world had become weary of the long years of this terrible war. Peace, sweet peace, would soon return to bless the earth, and men would return to their peaceful pursuits.

But has peace come? Has the real victory been gained? The mighty unrest of the whole world answers with an emphatic No. A struggle far more intense than that of No-Man's-Land is now on. Our country, the whole world, is facing perils undreamed of on the battlefields of France. The country was never in such a critical condition as at the present time. Today is no time for faint hearts. No one needs to wish for stirring times for opportunity to test his mettle, for such times are at hand. There is work for every one, work requiring the stoutest hearts and the clearest minds.

But in spite of the darkness that seems to encompass us, a ray of light appears, and the darkness of social and economic unrest will be made to disappear. That ray is unselfishness. It is fostering a keen interest in the welfare of peoples which have suffered under the tyranny of despots. No longer can the Western World go about its business of selfish interests, turning a deaf ear to the cries of suffering humanity, even though the great ocean lies between. We are truly about to become "our brother's keeper." There appear to be many who think they see disaster in our country assuming its share of the world's burdens.

Is it not fortunate for our country that the institution we represent has been at work here? The seeds of true helpfulness has been generously sown. The fruits of this sowing, we hope, will be the kind that will give nourishment to the unselfishness this old world is so greatly in need of. It is the thought that we, through our Masonic institution, are contributing something of value to the needs of our country that fills us with a sense of just pride.

Stable conditions, however, cannot be established instantly and without hard work. Compromise may be necessary in order to effect a beginning of the new era. In the end there can be no doubt that the true relations between capital and labor, between state and society, between large and small governments, will be understood and established. Then can it be truly said: "I have brought the blind by a way they knew not; I have led them in paths they have not known; I have made darkness light before them, and crooked things straight." This is the mission of our institution, and now, as never before, should all of us be steadfast in this great work.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. It is largely a review of his work during the year. He was absent from the Jurisdiction for over a month, the Deputy Grand High Priest acting in his absence. He was not called upon to perform an official act. Visitations were made to ten Chapters.

During the epidemic of influenza the civil authorities prohibited, as a rule, all public meetings; hence the subordinate Chapters were unable to meet. He therefore issued a general special dispensation authorizing the subordinate Chapters to elect and install officers as soon after the removal of the ban as possible. Twenty Chapters availed themselves of the dispensation.

A number of dispensations were issued for various purposes, mostly for giving the Royal Arch lecture to two or more trios at one and the same time. With us we can give this lecture to as many as we desire.

Six decisions were made, all of which were based upon provisions of their constitution. They differ materially from our requirements.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be: Cash, six thousand one hundred and seventy-two and 56/100 dollars (\$6172.56); investments, sixteen thousand three hundred and forty dollars (\$16,340).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be six thousand five hundred and ninety-nine (6599), an increase of three hundred and twenty-four (324) over one year ago.

The report of Custodians of the Work recommend that the "ritual" adopted by the General Grand Chapter in 1918 be adopted as the "ritual" of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Frequent revisions of the "ritual" certainly are not to be desired. Freemasonry should not be modernized. An adherence to the ancient customs, usages and landmarks should be insisted upon.

M. E. Companion ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, was absent for the first time in forty years, due to a temporary indisposition, but he prepared the report. It is in keeping with former ones, a very able report. He has pronounced views on the subject of balloting out of time, etc. In reporting upon Alabama, he says:

A dispensation to ballot out of time is reported, and also apology for granting it, as seems customary when a doubtful policy is pursued.

He hits the practice again in reviewing Delaware. He says:

One dispensation was found necessary to get a Brother through the degrees before he was hurried away by the United States Marine Service. Our opinion about such necessity has too often been expressed to need repetition at this time. There is one satisfaction—that hereafter, or, at all events, for a long time, such excuses will not be available. Grand High Priests will have to find another loophole for such action.

In his report we find this subject referred to many times, either giving his own views in reviewing proceedings of other Jurisdictions or quoting from proceedings of other Jurisdictions. We can say “Amen” most heartily, and believe the time is not far distant when the Capitular Degrees will never be conferred except as is provided for by the Constitution and By-laws, when receiving petitions, balloting and conferring degrees out of time will be unknown. He accords Pennsylvania a three-page review. Treats us very kindly. Quotes from Grand High Priest’s address as follows:

We have been doing all in our power to stimulate activity and growth in our Chapters, and some of them have had unusually large lists of candidates, one Chapter having over three hundred petitions presented at a single stated meeting and a total of more than seven hundred during the year.

And comments:

We don’t believe that such a number came to one Chapter of their own free will and accord. There must have been strenuous solicitation, and therefore, in our opinion, the number has not been for the best welfare of the Craft. We are absolutely opposed to the present-day way of herding everybody into Masonry. There surely will be a reaction, though I may not live long enough to see it. Some of my readers probably will, and then there will be a relapse, and we know that relapses are often fatal.

His comments would apply with great force to the Lodge, but we regard the Royal Arch Degree as essential to fully complete the Master Mason’s

Degree, hence all Master Masons who are worthy should be members of Chapters. At the same time we don't approve of taking them by wholesale.

M. E. Companion MARSHALL H. VAN FLEET was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion CHARLES H. JACOBSON was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

An engraving of the newly installed Grand High Priest, with sketch of his life, is an introduction to the proceedings.

W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

All Grand Officers, except two (Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Chaplain), were present at the opening of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM R. KEAVANEY, opened Grand Chapter at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 13, 1919. Thirty-nine of the forty Chapters of the Jurisdiction were represented. Eighteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Distinguished visitors from the Grand Jurisdictions of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey were introduced by the Grand Representatives of their respective States near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. They were welcomed and received grand honors.

The Grand High Priest's address deals largely with the affairs of his Grand Chapter.

The usual number of dispensations for various purposes were granted. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not take kindly to some of them, and took occasion to say so in very plain terms, as follows:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand High Priest as relates to dispensations, beg leave to submit the following report:

The request for dispensations from Washington Chapter, No. 30; Eureka, No. 22; Palmer, No. 28, and Hiram, No. 1, all being for reasonable and just causes, are approved.

Under the conditions which existed one year ago, your Committee approved of dispensations granted Chapters for the purpose of acting upon applications within the statutory limit when the same were received from those Brethren who were about to serve our country in the interest of humanity and justice.

In consideration of that fact, the dispensation granted Union Chapter, No. 7, and the one under date of July 3 to Pulaski, No. 26, have our approval.

But your Committee are of the opinion that the dispensations to Lockwood Chapter, No. 48; Burning Bush, No. 29, and the one to Pulaski, No. 26, under date of February 18, 1919, should neither have been asked for nor granted.

In the matter of Lockwood, No. 48, the author of our Masonic law and practice, after whom this Chapter has the distinguished honor of being named, explicitly states on page 29 that it is the prerogative of the presiding officer "to fill all vacancies in subordinate offices," and this law should have been vindicated until the following Annual Convocation.

The reasons set forth by the other two Chapters were not sufficient to warrant the ignoring of one of the most important laws governing the receiving and acceptance of applications for membership in our Fraternity.

In report of Committee on Correspondence, under review of Indiana, we find the following:

He sharply criticises hurry-up dispensations and correctly opines that it were better to repeal the law and leave it all to the Chapters, closing with :

But any hurry-up method is distasteful to me; let the postulant wait the proper period of investigation and be received decently and in order.

Your reporter recollects with complacence the fact that, when Grand High Priest, he refused EVERY request for a "hurry-up."

He made seven grand visitations, was received in most cordial manner, and found the Chapters in good condition.

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe show the Chapters under their care to be in flourishing condition.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance on hand of five thousand one hundred and twenty-three dollars (\$5123).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be ten thousand eight hundred and fifteen (10,815), a net gain of four hundred and fourteen (414). The report further shows that of the forty Chapters twenty-seven report a gain in membership, ten a loss, and three neither a gain or loss. Four largest Chapters exceeded two hundred and forty-nine.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES. Last year he said it was his last report. The members of the Grand Chapter said it wasn't. Result: He, being a loyal Freemason of the old school, accepted the situation and continued

as Chairman. May it continue. His report is certainly an able one. Under the head of Arizona he says what we regard as very appropriate, hence quote it:

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona, individually and as a body, in every available manner make known the high purpose and object of the war, to the end that at its conclusion a League of Nations to safeguard an enduring peace may be established, and, be it further

As to loyalty, of course, the Fraternity as a whole is always loyal, as our fundamental principles positively require, and past history has amply proved that, in every emergency, Masons have in enormous numbers fairly crowded to the front. But all such matters had best be, and can safely be, left to the individual Masons. Such resolutions as the above have at best no more than an academic value. While they may do no harm, the danger is that they constitute an entering wedge for future religious and political discussions. Amid all this world demoralization, let us preserve Masonry from all hysteria.

M. E. Companion ERNEST F. SWEENEY was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest is on the first page.

W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

The members of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware met in Annual Convocation in Wilmington, on Wednesday, January 15, 1919.

M. E. Companion LEON WALKER, Grand High Priest, opened Grand Chapter at four o'clock P. M. All but two of the Grand Chapter officers were present. All subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction

were represented, and a large number of Past Grand Officers were present.

As usual, a large number of distinguished visitors were present, Pennsylvania furnishing three—Past Grand High Priests M. E. Companions A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and GEORGE B. WELLS (Grand Secretary) and M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand King.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, refers particularly to what happened in his own Jurisdiction of four Chapters.

A decision in reference to a candidate who was approved, then objection made to his receiving the degrees—held, that the objection must stand and the candidate be declared rejected, but that the objection must be renewed in three months. To our way of thinking, an objection to a candidate receiving the degrees after approval should in every respect be equivalent to a rejection by ballot.

A dispensation was granted to receive, refer and act upon a petition the same evening. The Brother was in the marine service.

He invaded our Jurisdiction upon the invitation of the Grand High Priest. He thus describes his reception:

I also had the honor of receiving an invitation to attend the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held at the Masonic Temple, in Philadelphia, December 27, 1918. I accepted the invitation, and was accompanied by R. E. Companion Grand Scribe W. HARRY LEWIS, E. Companions WILLIAM J. FISHER, Grand Master of the Third Vail, and Grand Instructor FRANCIS

PEZET. We were most graciously received by Most Excellent Grand High Priest THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., and made to feel at home. The dignity with which the affairs of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania are conducted is most impressive, and adds much to the standing which this Grand Body has long enjoyed. The officers-elect were installed, after which an elaborate banquet was served in the grand banquet hall. Your Grand Officers were well taken care of and every courtesy extended.

Come again, and you will receive a most cordial welcome.

He visited the four subordinate Chapters of his Jurisdiction. Was cordially received, and lauds the work of the Chapters.

In speaking of membership he says:

This has been a year in many ways of "going over the top," and the expression has become quite common to us in referring to any endeavor to excel in the movement or project under consideration. I therefore take great pleasure in reporting that among the activities of the year which have "gone over the top" I can include Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the many changing conditions and innumerable demands we were called upon to meet during the year, as well as the epidemic of influenza, which for a time interfered with all activities, the number of exaltations was the greatest in the history of this Grand Chapter.

The record is as follows:

Exalted during the year	178
Affiliated and reinstated	6
	— 184
Died	23
Dimitted	2
	— 25
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Net gain for the year	159

We are to be congratulated on the excellent showing made, and while I naturally am proud of the fact that it was during my administration such advancement of the Royal Craft took place, credit should be given to the Officers and Companions of our subordinate Chapters who have labored so assiduously to accomplish this result. All have

participated and benefited thereby, but the honor prize must go to our Companions of St. John's Chapter, whose record of 101 exaltations will stand for some time unchallenged.

He speaks very forcibly of the world's war, using the following language:

Thanks be to God who gave us the victory, what was once the world war is now the world victory. It is unnecessary to review the events of the past four years—we all know only too well the details of the horrors, atrocities and cruelties committed; fresh in our memories are the innumerable sacrifices made, the terrible penalties paid, the sacred lives lost. Neither is it necessary either to establish the cause of the war or justify our entry into the conflict, for we now know, in the words of President Wilson, "Our spirits are released from the darkness of the clouds that at one time seemed to have settled upon the world in a way that could not be dispersed, the suffering of the people of England, the suffering of the people of France and the infinite suffering of the people of Belgium. The whisper of grief that has been blown all through the world is now silent, and the sun of hope seems to spread its days and to change the earth with a new prospect of happiness. So our joy is all the more elevated, because we know that our spirits are now lifted out of the valley."

Since November 11 last our hearts have been full of joy, our souls ablaze with patriotic enthusiasm and pride in the glorious victory our beloved country and her Allies have won over the enemy. Now that the foes of truth, justice, righteousness, liberty and the freedom of humanity have been crushed, now that right has conquered might and democracy has prevailed over autocracy, we should with one accord give thanks to Almighty God for His guiding hand, for His tender mercies and infinite wisdom, for the protection He has vouchsafed us and finally for His deliverance and victory. At the same time, Companions, we should offer our petition for a continuation of His abiding grace, to the end that a just and enduring peace may be ours and liberty be established for all the peoples of the world.

He commends the Schools of Instruction and says the work of the Grand Instructor has produced beneficial results. Certainly it will, especially uniformity of work.

He announces his views on reconstruction. They are sound. Don't think Freemasonry as a Fraternity.

will have much to do with it. It belongs to the individual.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows cash on hand, two hundred and seventy-nine and $7/100$ dollars (\$279.07).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be fifteen hundred and thirty (1530).

The report of the Committee on Finance shows assets to be eighteen hundred and seventy-three and $91/100$ dollars (\$1873.91).

Companion THOMAS J. DAY presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence. We are treated kindly.

M. E. Companion FRANK SHARP was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion STUART J. HORN was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

Engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest on first page.

W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

M. E. Companion ARTHUR C. SHAW, Grand High Priest, opened the Fifty-second Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia in *Ample Form* in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Washington, at seven o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday, February 12, 1919. He had the assistance of all the Grand Chapter

Officers. There were also present nine Past Grand High Priests and representatives of the twenty Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest extended fraternal greetings to M. W. Brother JOSEPH H. MILANS, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, and M. E. Companion GEORGE EDGAR CORSON, Past General Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest reviews his official acts for the year, beginning by extending a welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter, then refers to the dead of his own and other Jurisdictions. Again refers with pardonable pride to the marvelous revival of Capitular Masonry in his Jurisdiction, both numerically and financially, the net gain in membership, during the year, being two hundred and seventy-three (273), while the financial reports show the great gain of nine thousand three hundred and eighty-five and 79/100 dollars (\$9,385.79). As usual, a large number of dispensations for various purposes were issued, which met with the approval of the Committee of Jurisprudence. The modern tendency is to make the way to membership in Masonry easy and speedy.

Visits were made to all the subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction. Witnessed the conferring of the degree in all but one Chapter. The high standard of previous years was maintained. The policy of conservation so earnestly urged by the Government was, in most cases, strictly complied with, but did not

appear to interfere with the social features of the meetings.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows cash balance of five thousand two hundred and thirty-nine and 14/100 dollars (\$5,239.14).

The Trustees' report shows investments of five thousand six hundred dollars (\$5,600).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be thirty-seven hundred and ninety-seven (3,797); increase, two hundred and seventy-three (273). Last year's report showed a loss of forty-eight. We congratulate the Grand Chapter on the progress they have made. Apathy has given way to energy and activity. The officers and members must have thrown additional pep into their exertions for Capitular Masonry.

Companion ROE FULKERSON again prepared the correspondence report. As usual, it is a good one, hard to beat, every word readable. Rumor says that he will soon resign from the Correspondence Committee, due to the fact that a few years hence he may become Grand High Priest. He should have been Grand High Priest years ago. We hope he will be Grand High Priest very soon, but he must not resign from the Committee on Correspondence. By the way, it has just occurred to the writer that we had better not cross that bridge until we come to it.

M. E. Companion EMMETT M. CARTER was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion ARVINE

W. JOHNSTON re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest will be found on the first page.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND.

Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England for the Quarterly Convocations of February 5 and August 6, 1919, have been received. Proceedings for Quarterly Convocations of November 6, 1918, and June 4, are missing, hence an incomplete report.

M. E. Companion Right Hon. Lord AMPHILL, G. C. S. I. G. C. I. E., Pro. First Grand Principal, presided at both Convocations. Grand Chapter at each meeting was opened in ancient and solemn form.

At the Quarterly Convocation of February 5, 1919, the President of the Board of General Purposes was absent. His duties were discharged by M. E. Companion CHARLES F. QUICKE (P. A. G. Secretary). The report as printed was taken as read. It embraces routine business, showing the receipts and expenditures. Petitions were presented to the Committee for the formation of nineteen new Chapters, and the removal of five Chapters from their present places of meeting was asked for. They also recommended the purchase of £500 National War Bonds. The report was adopted without a dissenting voice.

Grand Chapter closed in ancient and solemn form. At the close of the proceedings they sang one verse of the National Anthem.

At the Quarterly Convocation of August 6, 1919, the Pro. First Grand Principal announced the resignation of M. E. Companion E. HORTON HORTON SMITH, K. C., Past Grand Scribe N., as Chairman of the Committee of General Purposes, which he had filled faithfully and capably for many years. He accepted the resignation with great regret, and appointed E. Companion HERBERT F. MANISTY, K. C., Past Deputy Grand Register, as President of the Committee of General Purposes.

The Most Excellent First Grand Principal, in commemoration of the celebration of peace, announced that he had been pleased to promote and appoint to Brevet rank a large number of Companions.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read and ordered entered on the minutes. It covers fully the business of Grand Chapter; namely, the receipts and expenditures, the applications for nineteen new Chapters, the removal of one Chapter, and the conversion of various investments into 4% Funding Loan. The report was adopted.

Grand Chapter closed in ancient and solemn form. After close the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, held Tuesday, March 10, 1919, have been received by the Committee. The other reports are missing.

Grand Lodge was opened in *Due Form*, with R. W. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Deputy Grand Master, on the throne. A very large number of Grand Officers were present.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The next business was the election of M. W. Grand Master for ensuing Masonic year. His Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN was re-elected Most Worshipful Grand Master by acclamation. He was then proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M. W. Brother JOHN CHARLES NICHOLSON, Past Grand Steward, was elected Grand Treasurer.

The report of the General Board was presented, and on motion taken as read, and then, on motion, received and entered on the minutes. Several warrants were granted for new Lodges. They reported the deaths of a number of distinguished Brethren. The benevolent branch was as liberal as usual. The most important matter was that, with the approval of the Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master, they appropriated from the funds of the Grand Lodge the sum

of one hundred guineas to provide a suitable present to Her Royal Highness Princess PATRICIA OF CON-NAUGHT, on the occasion of her marriage. The Princess accepted the gift and selected "an antique set of silver entree dishes." The officers were commanded by the King and Queen to attend Court to see the present. The Officers, Pro. Grand Master and Secretary attended the wedding at Westminster Abbey. The Grand Lodge regarded it as an important event in their history. It was, doubtless, a grateful tribute to their Grand Master.

Grand Lodge closed in *Due Form*, when the Brethren joined in singing the National Anthem.

W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The constitutional number of Grand Officers, and representatives of the constituent Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida held the Seventy-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, Tuesday, May 20, 1919, thirty-one Chapters being represented.

A waiver of jurisdiction was granted to St. Augustine Chapter to confer the degrees upon three petitioners who resided in the territory allotted to Putnam Chapter. This supports the theory of Past Grand High Priest McCONNELL, of Pennsylvania, who decided that territorial jurisdiction should not

prevent a petitioner from applying to any Chapter. Only a Masonic objection is valid.

One Chapter was Constituted, one Chapter U. D. and one charter restored.

The report shows a net gain of a little more than 12% in membership.

The work was exemplified by conferring the M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. degrees upon three candidates for Jacksonville Chapter.

Physical perfection is not required of a candidate for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each particular Chapter.

This gives great latitude to the subordinate Chapters. M. E. Companion ELI P. HUBBELL, for the Committee, again reviews Pennsylvania, and contributes four pages in reviewing, and evidently thinks P. G. High Priest McCONNELL'S decisions were rather drastic. The cordial invitation to visit the great Southland of Flowers and Sunshine is duly appreciated, and some time we may find time to drop in on you.

Number of Chapters	37
Total membership	3360
Net gain	377

Grand High Priest, W. V. CARTER.

Grand Secretary, WILBER P. WEBSTER.

J. L. M.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The Thirty-seventh Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of

the United States of America was to have been held in the city of Washington, D. C., but war conditions prevented, and, through the courtesy of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, was convened at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, Md., on October 2, 1918.

Previous to the opening ceremonies, the Grand Chapter of Maryland met in Special Convocation for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the officers of the General Grand Chapter, the office of General Grand Scribe being vacant, on account of the death of BESTOR G. BROWN, and the General Grand Master of the Third and First Vail being absent on account of other duties. Thirty-nine of the forty-eight Grand Chapters being represented, together with eleven representatives of subordinate Chapters.

The General Grand High Priest, in his address, pays a tribute to the memory of BESTOR G. BROWN, the General Grand Scribe; THOMAS J. SHYROCK, the General Grand Treasurer, and one of the Past General Grand High Priests, Judge NATHAN KINGSLEY.

The fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, which were severed in 1915, have as yet not been adjusted, but a ray of hope for amicable relations and recognition is revived by a letter received from Earl CASSILLIS, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The Committee appointed to attend one of the Annual Grand Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Texas and induce them to resume their former

amicable relations of ante-bellum days (they having severed their connection with the General Grand Chapter in 1861) attended the Annual Convocation in 1916, but all their forcible arguments and persuasions failed to accomplish their object.

The Committee appointed to Revise the Ritual submitted their report, which was adopted, no change being made in the present ritual unless the Committee thought it was necessary, either for historical or Biblical accuracy, shortening the work, correction of grammatical errors or harmonizing of the forms for opening and closing in the different degrees.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution and Laws, in their report, make some radical changes. They suggest that the elective officers begin with the General Grand High Priest and end with the General Grand Royal Arch Captain.

The Grand Masters of the Vails, the General Grand Chaplain and the General Grand Sentinel are made appointive.

The Convocations changed from triennial to biennial. This would lessen the time of passing through the chairs from thirty to twelve years. Material changes are made in the constitution and laws, and undoubtedly give the General Grand Chapter more power than heretofore enjoyed, and may possibly meet with objection in some of the Grand Chapters.

J. L. M.

GEORGIA.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia was held in Convention Hall, of Dempsey's Hotel, Macon, for a two days' session, on Wednesday, April 30, A. D. 1919.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates Grand Chapter upon the large increase in membership, stating that "From river to river and from the mountains to the sea, there is a general revival of interest in Capitular Masonry in Georgia."

Fraternal relations continue unbroken with all sister Jurisdictions.

In the report on Necrology we notice the death of E. Companion J. A. Z. SHELL, Grand Master of the First Vail, who was elected in 1901. In 1902 he was promoted to Grand Master of the Second Vail; in 1903, by his own request, he was demoted to Grand Master of the First Vail, and expressed the wish that he might be allowed to remain during life.

The Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion MARSHALL ATKINSON WEIR, another of the official family of the Grand Chapter, was called to the Inner Vail of the Tabernacle, from whose bourn no traveler e'er returns.

A great many special dispensations were granted during the year, owing to the ban placed upon meetings on account of the epidemic of influenza.

However, a few dispensations were granted to receive petitions, read first and second time and ballot out of time.

One new Chapter was constituted, one under dispensation and two charters transferred to different locations.

E. Companion CHARLES L. BASS, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having been engaged in the Army Y. M. C. A. work in France, the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion MCHAN, was requested to devote such time as was not otherwise engaged in making up the report. Pennsylvania was not mentioned in the Correspondence Report, but we all know what a zealous worker he is, and, from his report as Grand Lecturer, that he made 206 visitations and assisted in conferring the degrees upon 507 Mark Masters, 499 Past Masters, 564 Most Excellent Masters and 618 Royal Arch Masons, in addition to his duties as Grand Secretary. He is certainly entitled to be excused.

The membership statement shows a total of 12,011 members, being a net gain in 1918 of 1,322.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion ANDREW S. HARVEY, Rome.

Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Companion EDGAR A. MCHAN, Fairburn.

J. L. M.

IDAHO.

The report of the Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho, which convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Moscow, on the twenty-third of May, 1919, with a full

complement of Grand Officers present (except the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, who were absent on account of illness in the families) shows that Capitular Masonry is firmly rooted in Idaho.

Excerpts from the Grand High Priest's address:

This Convocation is one of the most important in the history of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho. You must assume the responsibility of deciding whether this Grand Chapter is to go forward as a federated unit in the full strength of the grand institution it is, or, as a weakling, to submit to the control and domination of outside influences."

Judging from the report it will not be a weakling, as it shows progressiveness, and although the numerical gain is small, under normal conditions we predict success to Idaho.

Peace and harmony reign within their walls, as the Committee on Appeals and Grievances state that nothing of a discordant nature has been presented for their consideration.

The Correspondence Report is ably reviewed by Companion EDWARD L. GAUGER, who also represents Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

M. E. Grand High Priest, WILLIAM WALLIN.

R. E. Grand Secretary, LEWIS W. ENSIGN.

J. L. M.

ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago, on the third day of December, 1918. The

Grand High Priest, in his address, dwells upon the conditions of the world, after four years of disaster, devastation and indescribable suffering, in a skillful manner.

The Schools of Instruction met with his approval, but he states there is room for improvement.

The Schools of Instruction should be a fixture in all Grand Jurisdictions. It is the only source by which the Capitular work can be made uniform.

He was not called upon to make any decisions of importance.

Illinois retained the lead in 1918, with a membership of 48,350, a net gain of 2,571.

Two distinguished guests were present and addressed Grand Chapter, Companion NELSON WILLIAMS, Past Grand High Priest of Ohio, and Companion WILLIAM H. KUHN, Deputy General Grand High Priest. It is a treat to read their speeches, and Companion KUHN, in speaking of the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter, said:

Companions, there is no more chance, if this ritual is adopted, to have a Shrine performance out of the Royal Arch. The ritual is dignified throughout; there is nothing in it that can offend any man or offer any indignity to any man.

Right you are, Companion KUHN, the Royal Arch is no place for horse-play.

Space will not permit us to mention all the good thoughts to be found in the annual report for 1918.

The proceedings of the Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois has reached us in time to be included in the Report on Correspondence.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, referring to the past, remarks:

A record of seventy years of phenomenal growth, strength, usefulness and splendid moral power and service to humanity. What of its present—its future? Today it stands the foremost Grand Chapter in the world, not alone in point of numbers, but it is unsurpassed in the superb personnel and the high moral character and worth of that vast army, the Royal Arch Mason of the great Prairie State.

The Grand Chapter may justly feel proud of her achievements and is to be congratulated upon their success. The address is a most excellent report of the able services rendered during his term of office.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a net gain of 4,071, and a total membership of 52,463 on June 30, 1919.

M. E. Companion TURNBULL devotes quite a space commenting upon the fact that our Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion McCONNELL, conferred the Chapter degrees upon his son at sight, but, as he states, Pennsylvania is a law unto itself. That is one of the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JAMES E. JEFFERS succeeds M. E. Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE as Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

M. E. Companion FRANK SPENCER, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

J. L. M.

INDIANA.

Seventy-fourth Annual, Indianapolis, October 22; Chapters, 124; represented, 116; numbers, 22,550; increase, 872.

M. E. Companion GEORGE A. NEWELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York and General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, U. S. A., and M. E. Companion LEON T. LEACH, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana and General Grand Master of the Third Vail of the General Grand Chapter, were brought into the room and introduced, Pennsylvania being represented by M. E. Companion DAVID E. SMITH.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, states that the year has been one of complete harmony in the Grand Jurisdiction, and that they have had a prosperous year, notwithstanding the ravages of disease and the horrors and decimation of war. They were called upon to mourn the loss of three hundred and forty-six Companions, among whom were M. E. Companion MANUEL M. FISHER and M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. HAMELLE, Past Grand High Priests.

Eight per cent of the membership, or fifteen hundred Chapter members, are on the Honor Roll.

Three dispensations were granted to elect and install High Priests to fill vacancies.

Two new Chapters were constituted.

An interesting review of the history of the one hundredth anniversary of Madison Chapter, No. 1,

is published in the report. It was instituted on July 14, 1819, in pursuance of a dispensation obtained from M. E. Companion THOMAS SMITH WEBB, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the U. S. A. The Chapter continued to work under what they supposed to be a charter from the General Grand Chapter until September, 1829, when (owing to the question being raised by the General Grand Chapter) it suspended its meetings until July, 1842, when a charter was granted by the General Grand Chapter, the supposed charter having only been a dispensation. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, which was organized in the city of Vancouver, in June, 1919, has been recognized by the Grand Chapter of Indiana, who consents to an exchange of Representatives.

The review is by M. E. Companion ROBERT A. WOODS, Past Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion FRED H. POCKOCK, Grand High Priest.

R. E. CALVIN W. PRATHER, Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa was unable to hold the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation on Thursday, October 17, 1918, on account of the prevalence of influenza. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ISAAC T. FORBES, issued a proclamation stating that the Sixty-fifth Annual Convoca-

tion would be held in the city of Ft. Dodge, on Thursday, the 14th day of November, 1918, and to continue for two days.

In conformity to the proclamation of the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter convened on the above date at nine o'clock A. M.

On account of the illness of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion FORBES, the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion EUGENE SCHAFFTER, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa in *Ample Form*, with prayer by the Excellent Grand Chaplain, M. E. Companion FRANK L. ROPER.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa is honored by having one of their Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion FREDERICK W. CRAIG, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A.

The Grand High Priest's address is a general review of his administration during the year.

Twenty-one visitations were made.

At the request of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Secretary furnished him with a list of Companions who were in the service of the United States. The list shows over 1,200 out of a total membership of 16,288, being over 13 per cent, seventeen of whom made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of Right, Liberty and Justice.

Statistics show a net increase of six hundred and eighty-five during the year ending December 31, 1917.

The report is full of interesting reading, and contains the portraits and sketches of M. E. Companion ISAAC T. FORBES, Grand High Priest, 1917-1918, and M. E. Companion FREDERICK W. CRAIG, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the U. S. A.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Thursday, October 9, 1919.

EUGENE SCHAFFTER, Eagle Grove, Grand High Priest.

ORVIS F. GRAVES, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

IRELAND.

The report of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, which includes South Africa and New Zealand, contains a photograph of Col. WILLIAM TAYLOR, M. D., Deputy Grand King.

Stated Convocations are held in Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at eight o'clock P. M., on the first Wednesday of February, May, July and November.

The Royal Arch Board of General Purposes meets on the Wednesday of each quarterly Convocation at four o'clock P. M., to consider all communications laid before them for action.

The Grand Royal Arch Committee of Inspection meets on the third Monday of each month (except August), at four o'clock P. M., to inspect the names of all candidates.

The District Grand Chapters are:

Antrim—First Principal, M. E. W. REDFERN KELLY; Registrar, THOMAS MCALISTER.

Armagh—First Principal, M. E. THOMAS FALCON; Registrar, WILLIAM MCMAHON.

Down—First Principal, M. E. W. H. PHILLIPS, JR.; Registrar, W. B. BURROWS.

Londonderry—First Principal, M. E. WILLIAM J. THRELFALL; Registrar, JAMES BARR.

Munster—First Principal, M. E. WILLIAM H. BEAMISH; Registrar, FRANK C. PORTE.

The Provisional Grand Superintendent for North and South Connaught, Meath and Midland Counties—M. E. Very Rev. Dean GILLESPIE, D. D.

For North Munster and Southeastern Counties—M. E. ALFRED G. DODD.

South Africa—SIR KENDAL FRANKS.

New Zealand—WILLIAM J. REES.

The list of Royal Arch Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter number two hundred and forty-seven, which include seven new warrants issued during 1918. The report shows a substantial increase, both financially and numerically, and Royal Arch Masons in Ireland are to be congratulated on the impetus given to the Craft during the past two years.

The Right Hon. The Lord MUSKERRY, Most Excellent Grand King.

HENRY E. FLAVELLE, Very Excellent Grand Registrar.

J. L. M.

KANSAS.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas was convened in the Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, Kansas. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, who was unable to be present because of a severe snow storm, which caused a blockade of the railroads, R. E. JOHN A. FERRELL, Deputy Grand High Priest, congregated the Companions and opened the M. E. Grand Chapter in *Due Form*.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK W. CRAIG, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, made an official visitation, and was received with grand honors.

The Grand High Priest in his address, in reference to dormant Chapters, struck the keynote when he said:

Visits to Chapters by some one in authority are usually a great incentive to have a large membership present. This leads to more enthusiasm and a consequent increase in the number exalted.

The system of District Deputy Grand High Priests is successful in Pennsylvania.

The address is overflowing with good suggestions for the welfare of Capitular Masonry in Kansas.

Forty-eight dispensations were granted, forty-five of which were required because of the war and the influenza. Recommendations were made that the charter of four Chapters be revoked, owing to the small number of members, one having thirteen resident members; others even less in number.

The total number of members on roll December 31, 1918, 12,159, being a net gain of 393.

R. E. Companion JOHN A. FERRELL, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

KENTUCKY.

At the One Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held December 10, 1918, only routine business was transacted. The Grand High Priest's address referred to questions asked and answered, no decisions being rendered.

The recommendation that the charter of Chapter No. 23 be arrested was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

A recommendation was made by the Grand High Priest that the Assistant Grand Secretary (who is not a Past High Priest) be elected a life member of the Grand Chapter.

No comment.

M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WINSLOW, for the Committee on Correspondence, states that only seventeen out of fifty-three proceedings read and digested contained anything which seemed to be of general interest; hence he did not make a detailed reference to them.

Pennsylvania was not listed among the proceedings received.

There is a great deal of truth in M. E. Companion WINSLOW'S introductory remarks, when he said:

But what difference will it make what we write? Here we are reminded of an incident which occurred a few years ago. When preparing to raise a garden one spring we asked our grocer, "What is the best kind of cucumber seed to plant?" After studying a little, he drolly replied, "I don't think it makes much difference. You'll probably not be able to raise any anyhow."

Very few outside of those whose duty requires them to peruse the proceedings ever glance at the correspondence.

S. S. PINNEY, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

LOUISIANA.

The Seventy-second Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana was convened in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on the fourth day of February, 1919.

The Grand High Priest, in his report, states that:

During the past year there has been but a very moderate amount of activity among the Chapters. The reason for this, I believe, is not far to seek. The unusual stress of the war, not only in taking men for military and naval service, but in its call for men in the extraordinary industries incident to war supply, in many places has largely depleted the working forces of the Chapters.

The conditions cited above may apply to Louisiana, but other Jurisdictions have found the reverse. Perhaps it is on account of the inactivity or lack of interest among the workers in Capitular Masonry. Wake up and make it snappy.

No official decisions were rendered.

The Grand High Priest takes rather a pessimistic view of the work performed during the year:

I feel that the past year will not show well in the annals of the Royal Craft in this State, and possibly most of the fault lies in your selection of your Grand High Priest one year ago.

The net gain for the year is one hundred and five, with a total number of members on roll of 4,559. We think it would be beneficial if the Companions of Louisiana would have some "get-together" meetings, and form Booster Committees. The result would show a greater degree of activity and interest in Chapter work. The results will follow.

Perhaps a Joshua Association would assist to instill new life in Capitular Masonry in Louisiana.

WM. M. WASHBURN, Grand High Priest.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

MAINE.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Maine was opened in *Ample Form* on Tuesday evening, May 6, A. D. 1919, at seven-thirty o'clock, prayer being offered by Rev. Companion DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Chaplain.

The official visitations are assigned to the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe and four District Deputy Grand High Priests, who inspect the subordinate Chapters assigned to them and report to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Their reports show the subordinate Chapters to be in a prosperous condition, much work being done throughout the State, the membership being 11,446.

A number of amendments to the Constitution adopted since the revision in 1896.

Rejection—"No candidate whose application may have been rejected in any Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall be received in any Chapter other than that to which he first applied, except after five years from such rejection, unless the Chapter recommend him to another Chapter by a unanimous vote taken by the secret ballot. Provided, however, that if the candidate shall, at the end of five years from such rejection, be a resident within the Jurisdiction of the rejecting Chapter, consent shall be granted unless there are more than three negative ballots. The application for such recommendation shall in every case take the course of a petition for the degrees."

The only benefit to be derived seems to be to prevent a member from using the ballot for personal objection instead of a Masonic objection.

Under Article V, Section 34, paragraph 111, provision is made for continuous membership.

A member may apply to another Chapter for membership, in which he shall state in his petition that he is still a member of _____ Chapter; then, if accepted, he may secure his demit, file it with the other Chapter at any time within six months, sign the by-laws thereof, and thereby become a member.

M. E. Companion BODGE, after referring to the edict in re having played or sung, as most convenient, one or more stanzas of the "Star-Spangled Banner,"

the Companions all standing with heads uncovered, asks: Do they usually wear their hats in open Chapter? No, not Derbies, but at that time we wore crowns in the Royal Arch Chapter.

Pennsylvania was represented at the Annual Convocation by M. E. Companion FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Portland.

J. L. M.

MISSISSIPPI.

Seventy-first Convocation was held in city of Meridian on February 27, 1919.

The Grand High Priest, JERE H. POWER, presided, and all of the Grand Officers were present and in their several stations and places.

Membership	4539
Net gain	253
Cash	\$10,118.08
Chapters represented	51
Chapters not represented	14
Number of Chapters on rolls	65

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief, from which we excerpt the following:

One year ago, when you placed the emblem of authority in my hand, our nation was in the throes of a most horrible war against autocracy and the rule of might. Many of our sons were over there, pouring out their life blood, to prevent the "beast" of Berlin and his conception of a "gott" from extending their nefarious rule to the uttermost parts of the earth.

But, thanks be to our God, the war is over, the battles have been won and the victory is ours, the "beast" has been overcome and driven into exile, and the representatives of the nations of the earth are now engaged in the task of working out the details of a just, righteous and, we sincerely hope, an everlasting peace.

It remains to be seen whether the result of their labors will be worth to the world what it has cost in blood and treasure. God grant that it may, and that nevermore will it be possible for any man or any nation to bring upon the children of men another such horrible experience. And our sons are coming home—some of them. Thanks be to the GREAT I AM, my own sons have already returned, one of them maimed for life, but back home after having fought the barbarous "Hun" all the way from Chateau Thierry to the Argonne.

But, my Companions, while we rejoice in our own happiness, let us not forget that many, yea, very many, Companions have loved ones who made the supreme sacrifice and lie in unmarked graves on the battlefields of far-off France and Belgium, and will never return to gladden the hearts of the mothers and fathers at home.

With a heart bowed down under the weight of woe of a beloved son maimed for life by the "barbarous Hun," it is not much wonder that his address was brief.

This fact, with the pressure of his own affairs, is doubtless the reason of making only eighteen official visits.

There were fourteen Chapters that were not represented at the annual Convocation and two Chapters that did not make any returns to the Grand Secretary. No reason in the Proceedings were assigned for this delinquency. Further comment is unnecessary.

It is due, no doubt, to the negligence of the officers of these Chapters. There was one case when the leniency and patience of the Grand High Priest was tried to the breaking point. He revoked the charter

of this subordinate Chapter, although he had, himself, some years ago exalted a class for them. Since then no work had been done. The Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion CARTER, had visited them and tried to induce them to resume their labors and keep the Chapter going, but without avail.

The Grand High Priest revoked their charter.

The efficient Grand Lecturer, WILLIAM H. CARTER, was "instant in season and out of season" in the performance of his duties. He sent letters to each subordinate Chapter, asking them to inform him what part of the month would suit them to visit them. He received only fifteen answers out of the sixty-five Chapters on the rolls. Notwithstanding this apathy, he visited them all. He found twenty-three Chapters that could confer the degrees in a satisfactory manner. He found eleven Chapters could do it with some assistance. There were thirteen Chapters that required a great deal of help.

The election resulted as follows:

<i>Grand High Priest</i>	JOSEPH J. BROOKS
<i>Deputy Grand High Priest</i>	MARTIN BALL
<i>Grand King</i>	HENRY C. YAWN
<i>Grand Scribe</i>	EMMET N. THOMAS
<i>Grand Treasurer</i>	J. FOGGO DIXON
<i>Grand Secretary</i>	FREDERIC GORDON SPEED
<i>Grand Chaplain</i>	JOSEPH HOWARD BROOKS
<i>Grand Captain of the Host</i>	J. RICE WILLIAMS
<i>Grand Lecturer</i>	WILLIAM H. CARTER
<i>Grand Principal Sojourner</i>	CLYDE J. VAN ARSDALL
<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain</i>	FRANK F. RANKIN
<i>Grand Master Third Vail</i>	IRVIN MILLER MOODY
<i>Grand Master Second Vail</i>	ASA S. WESTON
<i>Grand Master First Vail</i>	WILLIAM H. WHITAKER
<i>Grand Tyler</i>	JULIUS YARETZKY

We now turn with anticipated pleasure and profit to the emandation of the gifted Fraternal Correspondent, OLIVER LEE MCKAY. It is frequently said that the anticipation is more pleasurable than the realization. Here it is the reverse, for the realization is greater than the anticipation.

It is unique and *sui generis*.

Companion MCKAY makes his argument like a lawyer. He never makes an assertion without substantiating it with citation from authority. He collates the salient points of the proceedings that he reviews, draws the inference therefrom and then excerpts so that the reader can read for himself.

His report is as corrusicating as usual.

In reviewing Maryland he excerpted the following from the address of Grand High Priest EMMET L. PETTIT as being of great interest to Masonry, and the writer considers it of such value that he excerpts the excerpt, as it states authoritatively the position the Government has taken upon this important question, and the result of the potent objections of the Craft against this arbitrary and iniquitous measure of the War Department.

Early in September I learned that an attempt had been made by the Masonic Fraternity of Georgia, in a request to the War Department, to erect a building in an army camp in that State, but was debarred from doing so. I further learned that the Roman Catholic Secret Society, known as the "Knights of Columbus" had not only been permitted to erect a building at this particular cantonment, but was especially favored by being permitted to erect buildings at all army cantonments, this being the only organization so favored, with the exception of the non-sectarian organization known as the "Young Men's Christian Association." In my interest for Masonry I at once wrote the Secretary of War as follows:

LAUREL, Md., September 8, 1917.

HONORABLE NEWTON D. BAKER,

Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Will you kindly advise me if the Masonic Order of the State of Georgia was refused permission by the War Department to erect a building for recreation and welfare work at the national military camp in that State; also whether it is a Government regulation not to permit any society or organization to do such work except the Roman Catholic Secret Society known as the "Knights of Columbus" and the "Young Men's Christian Association."

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

(Signed) EMMET L. PETTIT,
Grand High Priest, State of Maryland.

WAR DEPARTMENT.
COMMISSION TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES,
WASHINGTON.

September 11, 1917.

MR. EMMET L. PETTIT,

Laurel, Maryland.

MY DEAR SIR: The Secretary of War has referred to this Commission your letter of September 8, inquiring if the Masonic Fraternity has been denied the privilege of erecting club houses in army cantonments for Masons and the sons of Masons.

Ever since the plans for the cantonments and training camps were first made, the War Department has been flooded with requests from all sorts of organizations to erect special buildings inside the military reservations. Various religious denominations, a large number of lodges and fraternities and many athletic and recreational clubs have petitioned us, each seeking to minister exclusively its own membership inside the camps. If we let down the bars for one, we would have to take the same action in regard to all. The Young Men's Christian Association and the Knights of Columbus have, for some years, both in this country and abroad, been represented in army camps, serving the soldiers along recreational and social lines without regard to any question of membership. In other words, they do not limit their activities to a particular constituency. One organization represents the Protestant denominations, which will constitute roughly sixty per cent. of our new army; the other represents the Catholic denomination, of which will constitute perhaps thirty-five per cent. Neither organization, however, as we have pointed out, will conduct its work on any exclusive basis. The buildings of both, as well as their activities, are for the benefit of all the troops in camp.

We felt, therefore, that the wisest plan would be to admit only these two organizations for work inside the camps, and the action taken by the War Department was taken at the recommendation of this Commission.

I am sure that you will see that no discrimination against fraternal orders is intended. It would be physically impossible from the standpoint of space to allow the many different organizations I have mentioned to erect buildings inside the camps. On the other hand, if you will permit the suggestion, I think these orders are confronted with a splendid opportunity in ministering to the recreational and social needs of their membership in the communities in the neighborhood of which our military camps are located. These communities are already organizing along recreational lines, and I confidently believe that these orders have a large part to play in the program.

Very truly yours.

(Signed) RAYMOND B. FOSDICK, *Chairman.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 3, 1917.

HONORABLE NEWTON D. BAKER,

Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

HONORABLE SIR: My recent letter to you relative to Masons being debarred from army camps was answered by the Committee on Training Camp Activities. In reply to that letter would say that I am reluctant to do or say anything to embarrass or add to the burden now being carried by the Government, but in the interest of those whom I represent, I am compelled to answer it, and not to let go unchallenged the statements contained in that letter. Permit me to say that they are contradictory and show bias of judgment or antagonism that is inexplicable. Over four thousand Masons of Maryland, whom I have the honor to represent, would like to know, and I am sure the hundreds of thousands of Masons of every branch of that great Fraternity will ask the question why this discrimination against Masonry, the greatest exponent of democracy, built on the foundation of liberty, equality and fraternity, and having for its capstone the freedom of conscience, freedom of speech and the freedom of thought—why it should be discriminated against in favor of a strictly sectarian secret society, owing its allegiance to a foreign potentate, the greatest autocracy the world has ever known, and it owing obedience to him above all else.

Let us know, Mr. Secretary, the real reason for this. Is it ignorance, favoritism or politics? Please enlighten us.

(Signed) EMMET L. PETTIT.

Grand High Priest, State of Maryland.

WAR DEPARTMENT.
COMMISSION ON TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES,
WASHINGTON.

December 3, 1917.

MR. EMMET L. PETTIT,
*Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,
Laurel, Maryland.*

MY DEAR MR. PETTIT: The Secretary of War has referred to me your letter to him of October 3, protesting against the ruling of the War Department as regards the admission of fraternal organizations to the camps. I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a resolution adopted October 29, which it is hoped will satisfactorily settle the question.

Very truly yours,

RAYMOND B. FOSDICK, *Chairman.*

Resolution adopted at the Conference between the Secretary of War, the Chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities and the Heads of all the large Fraternal Orders in the United States, at the Office of the Secretary of War on October 29, 1917.

"A resolution was unanimously adopted to the effect that under rules prescribed by the Secretary of War, and to the extent that available ground can be had, authority will be given to fraternal or benevolent societies of recognized and well-established character to erect and establish buildings within army camps and cantonments for social and fellowship purposes; although it was agreed that no order or society shall be permitted to confer degrees or engage in any secret work within the camps."

The correspondence with the Secretary of War, the Hon. Newton D. Baker, concerning the establishment of such conveniences as would promote the comfort of our soldiers and Brethren, was well taken when we consider that at that early period there were indications of discriminations and disparaging actions contemplated and not desired by our Ancient Craft.

Companions, these are the facts and need no comment other than if, as Masons, we were awake to our responsibilities as well as our privileges, we would not be compelled to take such action as we have in order to enlighten the War Department to the fact that Masonry is not on a parity with the Knights of Columbus, much less be subjected to the reouff the Craft received at the hand of the War Department. Within the past two weeks the War Department has modified its rulings as to its previous arbitrary action and thrown the army camps open to not only Masons, but every organization of whatever class or condition. This order is undoubtedly the result of the protest and

strong representation made by the Grand Lodges of New York and Georgia, possibly others I do not know of, and doubtless thousands of Masons acting of their own volition as individuals having an interest and zeal for Masonry.

W. R. M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Concord on May 20, 1919.

Present: ALBERT H. JUNKINS, Grand High Priest, and the other elective and appointed officers in their respective stations and places. Ten Past Grand High Priests.

Chapters on Roll	26
Chapters Making Returns	26
Membership	4,692
Increase	63
Exalted	187
Cash	\$3,063.11

The address of the Grand High Priest referred feelingly to the "most savage and wicked war in the history of the world," but God was to be praised that the "Dove of Peace is hovering over our heads."

"During all this time Chapter Masonry has survived and flourished, notwithstanding that our subordinate Chapters have had many of their members rally to the colors in defense of humanity and right." He refers to the condition of the Order in New Hampshire as follows:

Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire was never in so flourishing a condition as at the present time. Our Chapters are holding special convocations for the purpose of conferring the degrees, and I am pleased to say that nearly all our candidates are young men. Although we have exalted a large number to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, yet, owing to death and other causes, our net gain is only sixty-three members, which is a large increase over previous years.

He visited all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction and witnessed all the work in all the degrees, and no doubt the progress of the Order is due to the faithful work of the Grand High Priest.

The Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Royal Chapter in the State of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord on June 10, 1919.

The following elaborate program had been prepared by the Committee, which was carried out with great profit to all concerned:

10:30 a. m., Exemplification of the Mark Master degree, by Trinity Chapter, No. 2, of Concord.

2:00 p. m., Exemplification of the Past Master degree, by Meridian Sun Chapter, No. 9 of Nashua.

Followed by the exemplification of the Most Excellent Master degree, by St. Omer Chapter, No. 22, of Franklin.

5:30 p. m., Banquet.

7:30 p. m., Historical Address, by R. E. Companion HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

8:00 p. m., Exemplification of the Royal Arch degree, by Belknap Chapter, No. 8, of Dover.

The Schubert Quartet, of Boston, had been engaged for the occasion.

The Historical Address of the Grand Secretary, HARRY M. CHENEY, is attached to the proceedings, embellished with a fine photogravure of a "handsome man," whose face shows that his heart is "full of the milk of human kindness." It is masterly, instructive and interesting. Space will not allow an extended review of this "labor of love." Suffice it to say that his name will be immortalized, not only in New Hampshire, but elsewhere. We excerpt his conclusion of the address:

Thus is the story written. It has been very imperfectly told. Many crudities may be discovered. It has, however, closely followed the outline which was planned by your historian before the work was seriously entered upon. The material available for such a document was limited, but the product is as comprehensive as its compiler could make it. The end of the task brings nothing of satisfaction to me, save only that I have obeyed a fraternal summons to duty and under all the circumstances have done the best I could. I dream of some copy being preserved and that in another hundred years some Companion may find that it reveals something of the life and spirit of the period covered. I frankly confess that I am a Masonic devotee, and that what you have placed upon me has not been a burden. Of the men of 1819, we may say that they builded better than they knew. Let us hope that the men of 1919 are not spineless inheritors of their realized vision.

The election resulted as follows:

Grand High Priest, ARTHUR CHARLES STEWART.
Deputy Grand High Priest, BERT LAWRENCE STEBBINS.
Grand King, WILLIAM DWIGHT CHANDLER.
Grand Scribe, HERBERT NELSON BOND.
Grand Treasurer, JOHN FRANCIS WEBSTER, P. G. H. P.
Grand Secretary, HARRY MORRISON CHENEY.

who were all duly installed.

The Fraternal Correspondent is Past Grand High Priest CHARLES B. SPAFFORD. He succeeded REV. JOSIAH L. SEWARD, who wrote such voluminous and valuable reports. Companion SPAFFORD condenses his reports and justifies the condensation as follows:

We are of the opinion that too much is given our own readers to be wholesomely digested. The milk of the cocoanut usually gives more nourishment than the nut, and it is not half so dry.

How is that for uniqueness and wit?

Companion SPAFFORD not only appreciates *inanimate* nature, but also *animate* nature. Vide the following from *condensed* report of Nevada:

ROBERT LEWERS, Grand High Priest, in a condensed report of his official work, alluded to the surrender of three Chapters during the

year, and urged the necessity of renewed effort on the part of the remaining Chapters to make renewed effort in Capitular Masonry. To better ritualistic work and consequently better attendance he humorously quoted the fable of the *Two Frogs* which seems good enough to print for our own Companions to read:

"I am fond of rehearsing the story of the two frogs that fell into the can of cream. One said: 'It's no use, we cannot get out of this can.' He gave up and was drowned. The other said: 'Let's keep paddling.' In the morning the maid found him sitting on a lump of butter that he had churned in his struggles. Keep at it and you will develop the butter of Masonry. You cannot get out of it more than you give. This is the law, and it is correct.

"When things seem to be at low ebb, it is time to be up and doing."

Condensed milk, eh!

In closing his report of Washington he quotes, in extenseo, the following poem, which sounds so good to the writer that he inserts it, especially as it has received the approval of Companion SPAFFORD:

"Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of man,
And bearing about all the burden he can.
Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue,
And the smile would have helped him to battle it through.
Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill,
And the world, so I fancied, was using him ill.
Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road,
Or did you just let him go on with his load?

Did you help him along? He's a sinner like you,
But the grasp of your hand might have carried him through.
Did you bid him good cheer? Just a word and a smile
Were what he most needed that last weary mile.
Did you know what he bore in the burden of cares,
That is every man's load and that sympathy shares?
Did you try to find out what he needed from you,
Or did you just leave him to battle it through?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight,
When a lift just in time might set everything right?
Do you know what it means—just the clasp of a hand,
When a man's borne about all a man ought to stand?
Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip,
And the glistening tears down the pale cheek that slip?
Were you brother of his when the time came to be?
Did you offer to help him, or didn't you see?

Don't you know it's the part of a brother of man
 To find what the grief is and help when you can?
 Did you stop when he asked you to give him a lift,
 Or were you so busy you left him to shift?
 Oh, I know what you meant—what you say may be true—
 But the test of your manhood is, WHAT DID YOU DO?
 Did you reach out a hand? Did you show him the road?
 Or did you just let him go on with his load?"

W. R. M.

NEW JERSEY.

Sixty-third Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, May 14, 1919.

Present: M. E. Companion ANDREW N. MACKINNON, Grand High Priest, and all the elective officers of the Grand Chapter, the Deputy Grand High Priests for the eight different Districts, thirteen Past Grand High Priests and forty out of forty-three constituted Chapters of the Jurisdiction. This was strong and persuasive evidence of their loyalty to the Grand Chapter and of their love for Capitular Masonry.

Membership	9358
Net Gain	481
Chapters	43
Cash	\$4,091.91

The address of the Grand High Priest was admirable, and, as usual in all addresses of retiring Grand High Priests, contained matter of particular interest to the Capitular Masons of New Jersey. The following short extract from his introductory gave a fillip to the remaining part of the address:

We are assembled here this morning with a feeling of thankfulness and gratitude for all the blessings bestowed by Him, who is not only our Supreme Grand High Priest, but also a kind and loving Father, to whom we should bow in adoration for all that comes to us in life.

One year ago our beloved country was engaged in the terrible struggle for freedom, justice and humanity, of democracy and right against autocracy and wrong. Then the clouds of doubt were dark and threatening, when our boys were making the supreme sacrifice that the spirit of peace on earth and good will to men might prevail, but thanks be to God who giveth the victory that the clouds of doubt which hung over and around us one year ago are to-day dispersed, and the silver lining shines forth in all its glory.

The election resulted as follows:

<i>Grand High Priest</i> ,	RICHARD C. WOODWARD, No. 20.
<i>Deputy Grand High Priest</i> ,	J. VREELAND HARING, No. 9.
<i>Grand King</i> ,	ALBERT LEON, No. 41.
<i>Grand Scribe</i> ,	JOSIAH S. DAVIDSON, No. 12.
<i>Grand Captain of Host</i> ,	JOHN D. BRANDRIFF, No. 22.
<i>Grand Principal Sojourner</i> ,	FRANK C. PREISS, No. 23.
<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain</i> ,	FRED. E. TILDEN, No. 8.
<i>Grand Treasurer</i> ,	EDWARD MILLS, No. 19.
<i>Grand Secretary</i> ,	PETER MCGILL, No. 13.
<i>Grand Trustees</i> ,	{ DANIEL L. CAMPBELL, No. 33.
	{ NELSON Y. DUNGAN, No. 25.
	{ JOSEPH MASON, No. 33.

The proceedings of an Annual Convocation of a Grand Chapter, like the annual address of a Grand High Priest, contain data that is particularly interesting to the Jurisdiction and is local in its character. The correspondence of the Fraternal Correspondent is wider in its scope. He has the entire capitular world before him, and, with the rare judgment of an experienced mind, collates and condenses the most salient data that is interesting and instructive to all Capitular Masons. Such a Fraternal Correspondent is HENRY S. HAINES, of New Jersey. How is this for a foreword?

With pleasing anticipation we again turn aside from the harassing cares of busy life, to roam through ambrosial groves of Masonic literature and lore by the side of those whose companionship makes the path a pleasant one, and gives promise of a fuller comprehension and higher enjoyment of the matters which present themselves to view.

Not all that we find will be new to us; but we realize that the great truths of Freemasonry, like the wonders of nature, lose none of their sublimity by frequent contemplation.

In this faith we take up our work year after year with increased devotion, and with a more earnest hope that our humble ministry may awaken now and then a thought found worthy of a lodgment in some Masonic heart.

In reviewing Colorado, Companion HAINES, *inter alia*, says the following in reference to the "Shrine":

We find so many allusions to the presumed use of the Chapter as a "stepping-stone to the Shrine" that we feel compelled to stop again to express our opinion that this stepping-stone leads directly downward from the dignity and solemnity of the Holy Royal Arch to the farcical frivolities of the Shrine. We have no right to inveigh abstractly against the Tall Cedars or the Shrine, but that they should be parasites of Masonry and by some regarded as an essential or integral part thereof, if it were absurd, would be serious, and must cause regret in thoughtful Masonic minds.

In reviewing Companion GEORGE A. KIES' report of Connecticut, he says, *inter alia*, the following:

He again asserts his belief in the power and authority of a Grand High Priest to make Royal Arch Masons at sight, differing in this from those whose faulty education has bred in them the belief that a Grand High Priest has no inherent rights.

This, to say the least, is sarcastic, and no argument, and is a mere *ipse dixit* of Companion HAINES. Pennsylvania, like Connecticut, holds the same views. It may be due to our "faulty education." It is up to Companion HAINES to "educate" us and thus dispel the ignorance of our benighted minds.

Why has the Grand High Priest the same inherent rights of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge? The Grand Master can make a Mason at sight, *ex virtute officii*. Why should not the Grand High

Priest make a Capitular Mason at sight? We pause for a reply.

In reviewing the District of Columbia he agrees with Companion KIES as to his estimate of a Secretary, as follows:

He agrees with us in the belief that the Secretary is the mainspring of Masonic activity, and says that he has never seen a slow Masonic body which had a live Secretary, nor one with any ambition whose Secretary dragged the business along "like a pollen-laden bumble-bee droning through a clover field." The illustration is apt, and the occasion of it exasperating. The Secretary of a Chapter is the mainspring of its Masonic activity, the High Priest its escapement; both necessary to the movement, but the latter more easily replaced.

The writer never heard or read a stronger statement in reference to a Secretary.

The perusal of Companion HAINES' lucubrations is a liberal education and is a perfect pleasure. He does not always agree with his Companions, and sometimes he is quite caustic, but his criticisms are always permeated with brotherly love, and as he said of another Fraternal Correspondent, "Nothing hostile to the best interests of Masonry would by him be uttered or entertained."

Referring to the correspondence of another of the Round Table, he says that "he regales his Companions with a goodly supply of mental pabulum prepared for ready assimilation."

How descriptive of his own reviews.

Space will not permit any further clippings from the beautiful and fragrant flowers collected by Companion HAINES. We excerpt the whole of his conclusion:

A retrospect of the year now closed shows it to have been one of unusual activity in Capitular affairs, an unprecedented accession to the ranks of the Fraternity having been experienced.

We believe that, although not always yet quite generally, this is an evidence of moral growth; for it must be clear that no thoughtful, conscientious man could assume the responsibilities imposed and keep the covenants implied by the pledges given without a sensible increase of strength in his moral and spiritual convictions.

It seems to us that in many directions we discern a desire for higher Masonic education, which is essential to a proper appreciation of the lofty and beneficent purposes of our institution, the want of which is exhibited in the relish for practices, happily disappearing, better befitting the Tall Cedars or the Shrine; and we regard with pride the revolution in this respect wrought in our own Jurisdiction by the more constant and systematic instruction, the closer inspection and the stricter discipline adopted and insisted upon by the Grand Chapter during the last decade.

These favorable conditions are, however, not universal. Notwithstanding great professions of endeavor in some quarters to attain it, we observe upon closer analysis a regrettable remissness in these particulars, resulting naturally in a loss of vitality in many Chapters, and too frequently a surrender of the warrant; but we rejoice in the assurance that local apathy and indifference, and even enmity, cannot quench the fire that glows upon the altar of Freemasonry, whose majestic spirit will still irradiate the pathway of life, and with its earnest, loving heart continue to provide philanthropic institutions, public charities and benevolent associations which are the boast and the glory of the age.

In its true character it assuages in a measure human sorrow, brightens its joys and gladdens the desponding spirit with reviving hope; and is ever seeking opportunity to tender its consolations of fraternal sympathy and love to those in need.

W. R. M.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York was held in Albany, February 4, 1919.

Two hundred and eight of the two hundred and twelve Chapters represented; also many Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, among them being Pennsylvania. The Grand Scribe, R. E. Companion W. T. CHEVALIER, was absent with the Eleventh Regiment in France. (We are glad to note that he returned safely and we had the pleasure of meeting him in Philadelphia at the Emergent Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in November.)

Among the distinguished visitors was the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, accompanied by M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand King; M. E. Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Grand Treasurer; Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand Marshal, and Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Grand Captain of the Host.

Considerable time was devoted to the reception of distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions and other Masonic bodies.

The annual address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion J. WILLIAM PROUSE, is necessarily voluminous (thirty-seven pages), and deals for the most part with routine matters. A dispensation was granted for one new Chapter.

Under dispensations denied, he says:

I find the impression still prevails in many quarters that among the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest is that of setting aside the provisions of the Constitution when they interfere with the convenience of Brother Masons who have suddenly conceived an ambition to tread

the Inner Courts of the Tabernacle. Like my predecessors, I have maintained that it is the duty of the Grand High Priest to enforce the Constitution and not to permit the violation or evasion of the least of its provisions.

Many degrees were conferred for other Jurisdictions upon proper application, and all waivers of jurisdiction asked for were cheerfully granted. Among the waivers of jurisdiction received by New York and reported we note six from Pennsylvania.

Among the Grand Representatives appointed we note M. E. Companion DAVID J. DAVIS to represent the Grand Chapter of New York near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, to take the place of M. E. Companion CHARLES CARY, deceased.

Under General Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest mentions the proposed new constitution and says:

If it now take upon itself (The General Grand Chapter) to admonish and instruct Grand Chapters as proposed, it would open the door to frequent discord and probable disunion. The General Grand Chapter has already fulfilled its most important mission. If it wishes to continue its usefulness it should not attempt to usurp new powers and prerogatives, introducing discord and division where now only amity and friendship prevail.

The New York delegates to Baltimore were opposed to the new constitution. All of which we very much approve, but it is not our affair.

At the last Annual Convocation Grand Chapter approved the system of visitation of the Chapters by Grand Officers. The Grand High Priest reports much good accomplished, both to the Chapters and to the officers performing the work. The Chapters and the officers get into personal touch, to the mutual benefit of both.

Under jurisdiction over candidates, he says:

I believe that our present method of air-line measurement has outlived its practicability.

We learned that a number of years ago in Pennsylvania and so abolished it.

A standing resolution was unanimously adopted that every Chapter shall keep its record and perform its ritualistic work in the English language. Failure to do so shall be sufficient cause to arrest the charter. This also we most heartily endorse, and wish that the rule be extended to the Blue Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$155,058.09. It cost them \$24,644 to run the affairs of Grand Chapter for the year. This is pretty expensive, about fifty-five cents per member.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 2429 exaltations, with a total loss of 1775. Their death list was the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter, being 886. The net gain for the year was 965. Present membership (December 27, 1918), 44,491.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion GEORGE A. NEWELL, Past Grand High Priest. He reviews the Jurisdictions without comment, giving a concise report of the more important transactions, decisions and statistics.

M. E. Companion PERCY W. WILLARD, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina convened at Southern Pines, May 7, 1919.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion O. W. SPENCER, says he granted a number of dispensations, for some of which he expects to be criticised (as a fact he was not), at least by the Committee on Jurisprudence, they reporting: "We approve the dispensation granted and the decision as made by the Grand High Priest."

We noted one dispensation that some other Jurisdictions might take exception to:

December 18, 1917—To Charlotte Chapter, No. 39, to ballot on the petitions of several officers and soldiers who were stationed at Camp Green, without waiting the constitutional time.

Now, if these officers and soldiers were citizens of North Carolina, we have nothing to offer by way of criticism. But if they were citizens of other Jurisdictions, who, by the war, were temporarily in camp in North Carolina, it was not only "railroading," but "raiding."

One decision is reported. A Brother had petitioned a Chapter in North Carolina, been approved eleven years ago, but never presented himself to receive the degrees. Some six or seven years ago he had moved to Tennessee, and been a resident of that State ever since. The Grand High Priest decided that he was under the Jurisdiction of Tennessee. This seems to us good Masonic law.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized.

The Grand Secretary's report shows fifty-one Chapters, with a membership of 4485. There were 386 exaltations during the year, and a net gain of 262. Four Chapters made no returns.

One Chapter surrendered its charter, and there was a petition to the Grand Chapter for a new Chapter.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion W. B. MCCOY, and is his first report.

He reviews twenty-five Jurisdictions, but Pennsylvania is not among them.

His review presents a concise statement of the doings of the Grand Chapters reviewed, and liberal quotations are made from addresses of the different Grand High Priests, but all without comment.

M. E. Companion J. F. RHEIMS, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JOHN B. GRIGGS, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held at Grand Forks, June 18, 1919. Every Chapter in the Jurisdiction was represented.

M. E. Companion Grand High Priest G. ROY RINGO, in opening his address, remarks: "The fact

that I have done very little is because the demand likewise has been small."

The Grand High Priest strongly approves the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter, and also approves the new Constitution. In the latter view he differs very widely with quite a number of Grand Chapters, who do not seem very anxious to surrender their sovereignty.

Under visitations, he says:

I have been willing and anxious to visit the various Chapters, and have had an abundance of time for doing so. In spite of this I have not made a single official visit. I have not received a single invitation to visit any Chapter, and learned of no official business calling me to any particular Chapter.

Well, well. That is entirely incomprehensible in Pennsylvania. The Grand High Priest in this Jurisdiction is compelled to turn down more invitations than he accepts, for the reason that were he to give all his time he could not possibly meet the demands. Then again we have a little habit of varying the program and going to see a Chapter which, in the officers' opinion, would be benefited by a visitation. While invitations are received and accepted, we never lose sight of Chapters which we think may need our presence occasionally. The writer has witnessed on more than one occasion the announcement that the Grand High Priest wished to be admitted, which was the first notice that the Chapter had of his visit. And he was always welcome.

Under dispensations he reports:

Because I consider it for the good of Royal Arch Masonry in North Dakota, I have issued several dispensations for holding elections on

deferred dates, installing officers on deferred dates, using substitutes, balloting on candidates prematurely and *in one instance communicating the work*.

To the credit of the Committee on Jurisprudence the dispensation allowing the "communicating the work" was not approved.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion GEORGE E. GUTHRIE, and is one of the best and ablest it has fallen to our lot to review. He reviews forty-six Jurisdictions, and lays before the Companions of North Dakota a complete compendium of the work of Capitular Masonry in those Jurisdictions. Scotland is left out, as they are still pouting over that Chapter in Manilla. Pennsylvania is not "among those present," but we presume that it did not reach the reviewer in time.

He notes a great leniency in granting "hurry up" dispensations, and, like all thoughtful Companions, hopes that "the excusable display of sentiment that has shattered all pretensions of dignified resolutions will soon be history."

M. E. Companion A. M. CHRISTIANSON, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1918.

The Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in Halifax, June 11, 1918.

The Grand High Priest reports visiting ten of the seventeen Chapters in the Jurisdiction. The statistics in the Grand High Priest's report show 116 exaltations, 7 affiliations, 3 reinstated, total 126. Loss by death, etc., 53; net gain, 73; present membership, 1688.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a composite affair. On account of illness, M. E. Companion WADDELL, who usually writes the report, did only a small part of the work this year. (We regret that it was his last work.) M. E. Companion FRAZIER took up Alberta, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Idaho, and Kansas, all for the years 1916 and 1917, except Canada and Connecticut, which were only for one year, 1917. After reading the rest of the correspondents a mild lecture on the sameness of their reports, he proceeds to give very interesting extracts from M. E. Companion ROE FULKERSON'S defence of the Shrine, and quote in full M. E. Companion W. F. KUHN'S "Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason." A most learned and excellent pamphlet, of which Missouri had fifty thousand printed for distribution among the Master Masons of that State. As a review of current work in Capitular Masonry, it is of no use whatever.

The remainder of the Jurisdictions are concisely and ably reviewed by M. E. Companion BRENTON F.

PORTER, Assistant Grand Secretary. Pennsylvania is accorded a page and a half of very fraternal review.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. ELLIS, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL J. WADDELL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1919.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held June 10, 1919, at Glasgow, N. S.

This meeting marking the completion of fifty years of work of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, it was the recipient of many felicitations and congratulations.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an able one. He pays a loving and well-deserved tribute to the memory of M. E. Companion SAMUEL J. WADDELL, Past Grand High Priest, and for many years Grand Secretary, and Committee of Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest reports that he has traveled three thousand miles by land and fifteen hundred miles by water in visiting the Chapters. A detailed account of the visitations is given. If Capitular Masonry does not thrive in that Jurisdiction it surely cannot be the fault of the Grand High Priest. When

we compare his report with that of some Jurisdictions in which the Grand High Priest laments that although ready, willing and anxious to visit, nobody asked him out, we cannot but wish that some of the Nova Scotia enthusiasm could be moved southward. The Grand High Priest notifies the Chapter when he is *coming* and they get ready.

One dispensation for a new Chapter at North Sydney is reported.

The Grand Secretary's report shows seventeen Chapters. There were 171 exaltations; losses from all causes, 56; a net gain in membership of 121. Present membership, April 30, 1919, 1809.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$1,213.02 after deducting the year's expenses, which amounted to \$1,621.25. Of the expense account \$200 was to the Canadian Red Cross and \$100 to the Y. M. C. A. Overseas' fund.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is by R. E. Companion BRENTON F. PORTER. In ninety-eight pages he reviews forty-two Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania was accorded two pages. He quotes, not quite approvingly, the making of a Royal Arch Mason at sight by the Grand High Priest. Well, we have always exercised that prerogative in both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and the probabilities are we will not let it die for want of exercise in the future.

In his review he culls and collects with rare discrimination from the Jurisdictions reviewed that

which will be of most interest to the Companions of Nova Scotia.

M. E. Companion JOHN C. MACKAY, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion BRENTON F. PORTER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OHIO.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held in the city of Cleveland, October 9 and 10, 1918. One hundred and sixty-two Chapters represented and twenty-seven not represented.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JOHN H. BAEHN, was a complete review of the work of the Jurisdiction for the year. No decisions were rendered. His dispensations, particularly with reference to balloting, are clear, giving the name of the candidate and the reason. He was most discriminating, and only when a clear case of emergency was presented was the dispensation granted; more were refused than granted. He says:

In all cases where special privileges were permitted I have endeavored to act advisedly and always with the good of the Royal Craft as the first consideration.

He refers to "rough usage," as still practiced in some Chapters. In one instance he had notified the Chapter to bring its charter to the Annual Communi-

cation. More power to him. A reference to the Committee's report is made later.

Two charters were arrested because interest had died out in Capitular Masonry. One new Chapter was constituted, and one dispensation for a new Chapter was granted. The division of the State into nineteen Inspection Districts has been a decided success, and we have no doubt it will be continued. He recommends that the minimum dues of subordinate Chapters be fixed at two dollars per annum. He attended the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore, had an excellent time and a boat ride.

The report of the Grand Secretary is one to make us all sit up and take notice. There were four thousand and forty-one exaltations; losses by death, etc., fourteen hundred and fifty-four; membership July 31, 1918, forty-seven thousand six hundred and ninety-three. He collected and paid over to the Treasurer \$30,409 (and they pay him only \$2,000).

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$33,852. The expenses for the year were \$28,475. Of this amount \$17,454.25 went to the Ohio Masonic Home. This speaks loudly for the charity of the Companions of Ohio. The report of the Committee on the Masonic Home is lengthy and very interesting.

Between sessions the members attending the Convocation went to Lake View Cemetery and placed wreaths of Immortelles on the graves of three Past Grand High Priests. A most beautiful act.

A resolution was introduced and passed that the incoming Grand High Priest be authorized to take steps to incorporate the Grand Chapter. We think it would be wise to take these steps very slowly and with great care. Corporations have some very awkward angles.

The special Committee to which was referred the case of the Chapter guilty of gross violations of the regulations in conferring the degrees made a lengthy report. Their first finding was "that for many years past a number of Companions of said Chapter, notwithstanding frequent admonitions by Inspectors, also by members of the Chapter, have persisted in making a grotesque and unpardonable farce and burlesque of the Royal Arch Degree."

The Chapter officers failed to appear and produce the charter, and the Committee recommended that the charter be arrested. They also recommended that any other Chapter so offending have its charter arrested, which recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

The high cost of living has struck the companions in Ohio, so they voted to raise the per diem of the Representatives to the Grand Chapter from three dollars per day to four dollars per day, with five cents per mile for traveling.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Companion O. P. SPERRA, which is to say that it is a good one. Fifty-six Jurisdictions are re-

viewed, four of them for two years. Liberal quotations are made and valuable data collected and put in very compact shape. The reader may get a glance at all the salient facts and statistics of any Grand Chapter reviewed. Pennsylvania for 1917 is treated generously in two and one-half pages, and the writer given a fatherly pat on the back. Thank you.

M. E. Companion HARRY W. LLOYD, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion EDWARD HAGENBUCH, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OREGON, 1919.

On opening the proceedings we are greeted by M. E. Companion MAX BOLLACK, and welcomed to the Grand Chapter of Oregon. It makes us feel very much at home. In a short biographical note we learn that the Grand High Priest was born in France, coming to the United States in 1875.

M. E. Companion BOLLACK'S only son was killed in action April, 1918, while serving with the U. S. Marines, making the supreme sacrifice in upholding the principles of his own and his father's native lands. Such men do not die, but pass on to spheres of greater usefulness. Thank God, the sacrifice was not in vain.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon was held in Portland, June 9,

1919. Pennsylvania was not represented thereat. Where was M. E. Companion THOMAS C. TAYLOR?

The Grand High Priest reports decisions as follows:

Is a member of a Blue Lodge who has lost his left arm at the elbow, but who uses an artificial arm with great efficiency, eligible to receive Chapter degrees? Answer, No.

This was overruled by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and notwithstanding their wisdom, we think the Grand High Priest was right.

Decided in a lengthy opinion that the candidates should learn the lectures in the Mark and Most Excellent degrees and be examined in open Lodge before being advanced. We have a higher opinion of the wisdom of the decision than of the power to enforce it.

Two new Chapters were constituted and officers duly installed.

The Grand Secretary's report shows thirty-seven Chapters, with a membership of 4,499, a net gain during the year of 120. The losses from various causes were 184.

The Grand Orator, M. E. Companion W. A. HOLLIS, delivered an excellent oration. We had thought that we would make an excerpt from it, but when we came to do it, we found the whole was so closely knit together that we decided not to mutilate it, and so will have to pass it up.

The Report on Correspondence we quote in full:

Since the proceedings of the Grand Chapter was in press A. H. STINER informs the Grand Secretary that owing to unavoidable cir-

cumstances he will be unable to have his review completed in time for the issue, and thinks it will be best to defer the report until next year.

JAMES F. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

M. E. Companion J. H. RICHMOND, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

QUEBEC, 1919.

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in Montreal, March 26, 1919.

The proceedings are set forth in an excellently printed book of one hundred and seventy pages, seventy-three of which are devoted to Foreign Correspondence. Somehow Pennsylvania was missed, but we were a little late in getting to press, so, perhaps, our proceedings did not reach the correspondent in time for review.

The Grand First Principal Z., in his annual address, gave a detailed account of his work for the year. He reported progress in all but two Chapters. He stated that about twenty-five per cent of the Master Masons of the Jurisdiction were Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Superintendents all made detailed reports, which are printed in full in the proceedings, but deal only with local matters.

The Committee on the State of the Order, says:

In former years the increase has been in the neighborhood of sixty, this year the net increase has been one hundred and sixty. . . . There are now in the Jurisdiction approximately ten thousand Master Masons, while there are less than two thousand Royal Arch Masons. We feel that prudent effort may well be made to increase the number of admissions to Capitular Masonry.

The request of the Grand Chapter of Queensland for recognition was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who recommended that no action be taken at this time.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by that veteran, M. E. Companion E. D. T. CHAMBERS, this being his thirty-third report. The introduction is remarkable in several particulars, most notably where he pays his respects to the usefulness of a General Grand Chapter for Canada. He quotes from the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States wherein it seeks to obtain complete control of all the Grand Chapters under its Jurisdiction. Well, Pennsylvania looks upon the matter very much as does M. E. Companion CHAMBERS. We have gotten along very nicely for one hundred and twenty-four years as a Sovereign Grand Body, and we venture the prediction that it will be a long time before Pennsylvania surrenders her sovereignty to any General Grand Body.

M. E. Companion RICHARD S. KINGHORN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM E. COUPER, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

RHODE ISLAND, 1918.

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was held in Providence, Thursday, March 13, 1918.

The deliberations of the Grand Chapter were presided over by R. E. Companion WILLIAM A. SCOTT, Deputy Grand High Priest, in the absence of M. E. Companion CHARLES T. GLINES, whose military duties compelled him to be absent from the meeting. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GLINES, however, had his report ready, and it was read by the Deputy Grand High, together with a report by the Deputy Grand High Priest of his official actions during the absence of the Grand High Priest. A number of visitations and exchanges of courtesies were reported.

The Deputy Grand High Priest recommended a revision of the Constitution. He decided that residents of Rhode Island in the military or naval service of the United States might apply for initiation and membership in any Chapter near where they were stationed. (In this case in favor of Massachusetts.)

The Grand Secretary reports 338 exaltations, with a net gain of 252. Present membership, 5,236.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows an expense account of \$1,556.12, with a net balance of \$9,908.93.

While they have a Committee on Foreign Correspondence and made an appropriation therefor,

there is no report. This is a distinct loss, as Rhode Island has in the past furnished correspondence reports that were classic.

M. E. Companion WILBUR A. SCOTT, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

RHODE ISLAND, 1919.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island held its One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation in the city of Providence, Tuesday, March 11, 1919. Among the Grand Representatives we note M. E. Companion ALBERT L. ANTHONY, representing Pennsylvania.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILBER A. SCOTT, deals with matters of interest to the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, and shows that he has given a great amount of time to the discharge of his duties. The different problems which arise in the Jurisdiction are taken up and discussed fully. The Committee on his Address unanimously approved all his acts and recommendations.

A very extensive notice is given to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and all the Chapters and individual members are urged to assist in that most praiseworthy movement.

One charter for a new Chapter was granted and two dispensations for Chapters continued.

A committee to revise the Constitution of the Grand Chapter is recommended to be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest.

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but we note that M. E. Companion SCOTT has agreed to take up the work for the coming year, and, judging by the fidelity with which he has discharged his other duties, we will have a good report from Rhode Island next year. In the past this Jurisdiction has given Royal Arch Masonry many fine correspondence reports, and we miss them.

M. E. Companion JOSEPH LAWTON, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

SCOTLAND, 1918, 1919.

But two pamphlets of this Empire Jurisdiction have reached us, one containing the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication held at Edinburgh, December 20, 1918, the meeting of the Office Bearers, February 21, 1919, the Quarterly Convocation of March 7, 1919; and a second pamphlet containing list of Representatives, Office Bearers, Grand Representatives, Roll of Principals, etc. The last mentioned pamphlet contains an innovation for Scotland,

in the form of an excellent portrait of the Earl of CASSILLIS, Most Excellent First Grand Principal. It is a fine picture, a la Harry Lauder.

According to the list of Office Bearers, etc., they divide the Jurisdiction up for inspection purposes into districts over which they appoint Grand Superintendents. Many of the Chapters have a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners attached, some a Cryptic Council of Royal and Select Masters attached, and some have both.

In the list of Chapters we note that they still have Keystone, 354, Manilla, Philippine Islands, of which the Rev. H. H. MURRAY is the First Principal. This Chapter is the bone of contention with the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Nine new Chapters were granted charters; Masonic intercourse with Companions belonging to Chapters or Mark Lodges holding under the Grand Chapter of New South Wales or the Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales, and also of the Grand Chapter and Grand Mark Lodges formed or about to be formed in Queensland, was strictly interdicted and prohibited.

The Grand Scribe E.'s salary was increased one hundred pounds.

Earl of CASSILLIS, Grand First Principal, Z.

ALFRED A. A. MURRAY, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of South Carolina was held in Greenville, April 9, 1919.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a double-barreled affair, one part being made by M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. GILES and the other part by M. E. Companion SAMUEL T. LANAHAHAN, Deputy Grand High Priest. This arose from the fact that M. E. Companion GILES, Grand High Priest, removed from South Carolina to Alabama during the year, and the Deputy became the acting Grand High Priest for the remainder of the year.

The most prominent matter in both addresses is dispensations. Seventeen were granted by the Grand High Priest and six by the Deputy Grand High Priest to alter the requirement as to time on the petitions and degrees. It would almost appear the regular way in that Jurisdiction was to handle all petitions by dispensation. We realize that 1918 was an unusual year all over the world. No doubt many of the dispensations were to those about to enter the service of their country. Men who were being severed from their homes and friends by their country's need seemed to have felt that they wished to be identified with Masonry. We think all Jurisdictions have felt this pressure, and we fear some have gone farther than our landmarks and traditions warrant. We older Masons did not so receive it, neither should we so impart it. Our answer should be, at least since

the crisis has passed, wait with patience, work with diligence and if worthy you will receive it.

No decisions were asked for during the year. The Grand High Priest takes this as an evidence that the Companions are becoming more familiar with the law. Possibly they got dispensations instead of decisions.

The new ritual promulgated by the General Grand Chapter was adopted. A Committee was appointed to consider the changes proposed in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and report next year.

The Grand Chapter Officers propose to visit the subordinate Chapters, which is expected to stimulate growth, revive interest, and promote the welfare of the Chapters. We believe it will. We of Pennsylvania cannot quite understand why the Grand Officers of any Jurisdiction do not visit their subordinate Chapters, in so far as time will permit. It is not only a privilege of the Officers but a right of the Chapters, to have their Grand Officers visit them, counsel with them and learn at first hand of the varying conditions and necessities of the subordinate Chapters.

Two charters were granted for new Chapters.

A "Review of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions" by M. E. Companion J. L. MICHIE, Past Grand High Priest, is by far the most interesting and instructive part of the book.

Every now and then some correspondent arises, and everlastingly lambasts the "Foreign Correspond-

ence Reports'' of the different Grand Chapters. Well, we know there is a lot of sameness in them, and some of us write pretty poor stuff. Then along comes a report from a MICHIE, a WARVILLE, a MILLER, from Missouri, and others we might name, any one of which is worth, to Capitular Masonry, all the correspondence costs. Without the correspondence reports of past years Capitular Masonry would indeed be poorer. The proceedings of some Jurisdictions would be very useless without their Correspondence Committee.

Massachusetts, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia did not get in on time, and so are not reviewed.

We agree with the learned reviewer, when under California, quoting a decision that the residence of a soldier is where he is stationed, he says:

Our reading tells us that many Jurisdictions, in line with South Carolina, hold that a soldier is the material of the Lodge or Chapter nearest the place of residence where he enlisted.

Also under Canada:

That if membership in one body is required for admission into another body, continued membership in that body should be required for his continued membership in the other body.

Our wonder is, no less than his, how a brother who has lost an arm can comply with the regulations and fundamental requirements and become a Royal Arch Mason?

Under Maine, which is against the Grand Chapter conferring degrees because it is an arrogation of

these powers which belong only to constituent Chapters, he says:

Dunno about that. We think the creator has full power and authority to do what it authorizes its creatures to do.

Under New Hampshire, which mentions some roughness in conferring the Royal Arch Degree he well says "there is no room for anything of that kind." But we must stop, as to give all the good things he says would be to quote the report, and it may be copyrighted.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL T. LANHAM, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

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THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1919.

YEAR	FIRST GRAND CHIEF	SECOND GRAND CHIEF	THIRD GRAND CHIEF	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1795	William Ball	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1796	William M. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1797	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"	"
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1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins		"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	"
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	John M. Read
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	"	"	"	"
1841	Alexander Diamond	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1842	"	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1843	William Whitney	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1844	"	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John W. McGrath	"	"
1846	"	"	John J. Krider	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	James Simpson	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	"	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1851	"	"	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1859	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1860	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1861	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1862	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1863	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1864	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	John Thomson
1865	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1866	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1867	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1868	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1869	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1870	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1871	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1872	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1873	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1874	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1875	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
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1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1892	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	"
1893	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	Charles Cary
1894	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1895	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1896	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1897	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1898	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1899	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1900	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Edward B. Spencer	"
1901	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1902	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1903	Porter W. Lowry	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	"	Stockton Bates
1904	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	"	George B. Wells
1905	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	"	"
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ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem.....	1758	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance.....	1827	Harrisburg.....	First Monday.....	Charles C. Shriver, Harrisburg
43		1826	Lancaster.....	Third Thursday.....	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony.....	1794	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	Robert J. Spratt, Philadelphia
91	Columbia.....	1822	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia
150	Washington.....	1827	Washington.....	First Thursday.....	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading.....	1827	Reading.....	Second Monday.....	Edward W. Roderick, Reading
159	Schuylkill.....	1838	Minersville.....	Third Thursday.....	Robert S. Hoffman, Minersville
161	Union.....	1845	Towanda.....	Second Wednesday.....	John W. Coddington, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel.....	1836	Pittsburgh.....	First Tuesday.....	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette.....	1848	Lock Haven.....	Third Thursday.....	John R. Stevenson, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville.....	1849	Brownsville.....	Second Tuesday.....	William S. Conwell, Brownsville
165	Union.....	1849	Uniontown.....	Second Thursday.....	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah.....	1849	Holidaysburg.....	Third Tuesday.....	William Brenneman, Holidaysburg
167	Eureka.....	1849	Rochester.....	Second Friday.....	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia.....	1850	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta.....	1851	New Castle.....	First Tuesday.....	Edward L. Smith, New Castle
171	St. John's.....	1852	Carlisle.....	First Thursday.....	Thomas M. Sener, Carlisle
172	Temple.....	1853	Tunkhannock.....	Mon. on or after full moon	Henry M. Lewis, Tunkhannock
173	Easton.....	1853	Easton.....	Second Thursday.....	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland.....	1853	Sunbury.....	Third Tuesday.....	Charles W. Clement, Sunbury
175	Keystone.....	1853	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday.....	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington.....	1854	Chambersburg.....	Third Monday.....	W. R. Appenzellar, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua.....	1854	Tamaqua.....	First Friday.....	Alex. L. Oliver, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa.....	1855	Catawissa.....	Second Wednesday.....	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka.....	1855	Carbondale.....	Second Wednesday.....	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren.....	1854	Montrose.....	Wednesday after full moon	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly.....	1855	Mauch Chunk.....	Third Tuesday.....	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah.....	1856	Wilkes-Barre.....	Third Monday.....	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental.....	1856	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	George J. Schaefer, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna.....	1856	Scranton.....	Second Tuesday.....	Jacob A. Frantz, Scranton
186	Lewistown.....	1856	Lewistown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Wm. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown
187	Oriental.....	1856	Conneautville.....	Third Friday.....	Frank T. Young, Conneautville
189	Mountain.....	1858	Altoona.....	First Thursday.....	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown.....	1858	Norristown.....	Second Monday.....	William E. Perry, Norristown
191	Solomon.....	1858	Meadville.....	Second Tuesday.....	Samuel M. Patton, Meadville
192	Urania.....	1859	Greensburg.....	Thursday after 3d Tuesday	Weber A. Arter, Greensburg
193	Duquesne.....	1859	Pittsburgh.....	Second Friday.....	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tioga.....	1859	Wellsboro.....	Second Tuesday.....	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage.....	1859	Johnstown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City.....	1859	Pottsville.....	Second Monday.....	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville
197	Weidle.....	1860	Lebanon.....	Second Tuesday.....	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phoenix.....	1861	Phoenixville.....	Saturday after full moon..	Edwin H. McAllister, Phoenixville
199	Howell.....	1864	York.....	Second Wed. after 1st Mon.	William H. Blouse, York
200	Columbus.....	1865	Corry.....	Second Tuesday.....	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone.....	1865	Huntingdon.....	Third Monday.....	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell.....	1866	West Chester.....	Second Monday.....	John A. Baker, Pocopson
203	Allen.....	1866	Allentown.....	First Monday.....	Guy H. Gensemer, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne.....	1866	Honesdale.....	Second Thursday.....	Edward A. Lindsay, Honesdale
205	Factoryville.....	1866	Factoryville.....	Second Wednesday.....	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony.....	1866	Beaver Falls.....	First Thursday.....	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron.....	1866	Titusville.....	Third Friday.....	Victor Bucher, Pleasantville
208	Germanatown.....	1866	Germanatown, Phila.	Third Monday.....	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins..	1866	Mechanicsburg...	Second Monday.....	Samuel E. Basehore, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend.....	1866	Great Bend.....	Second Thursday.....	Warren F. Simrell, Hallstead
211	Venango.....	1866	Franklin.....	Second Friday.....	John E. Ferry, Franklin
212	Mound.....	1866	Greenville.....	Fourth Monday.....	Frank D. Long, Greenville
214	Valley.....	1867	Plymouth.....	Fourth Friday.....	Arthur Davenport, Dorranceton
215	Temple.....	1867	Erie.....	Second Friday.....	John G. Eberle, Erie
216	Zinzendorf.....	1867	Bethlehem.....	Second Tuesday.....	Milton M. Mitman, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny.....	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday.....	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny
218	Bloomsburg.....	1868	Bloomsburg.....	First Thursday.....	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom.....	1868	Ashland.....	Third Thursday.....	J. William Ritz, Ashland
220	Fort Washington...	1868	Fort Washington..	Second Thursday.....	John K. Earnest, Ambler
221	Tremont.....	1869	Tremont.....	Third Thursday.....	Henry H. Otto, Tremont
222	Lycoming.....	1869	Williamsport.....	Second Tuesday.....	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford.....	1869	Oxford.....	Wednesday after full moon	Joseph Leeke, Oxford
224	Corinthian.....	1869	Columbia.....	Second Tuesday.....	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson.....	1869	Brookville.....	Third Tuesday.....	William A. Kelly, Brookville
226	Siloam.....	1869	Frankford, Phila..	Third Wednesday.....	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium.....	1870	Emporium.....	Third Tuesday.....	C. Ebbert Plasterer, Emporium
228	Clearfield.....	1870	Clearfield.....	Third Friday.....	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk.....	1870	Ridgway.....	Third Tuesday.....	William Patterson, Ridgway
232	St. John.....	1871	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	Robert A. Smith, Philadelphia
233	Kensington.....	1871	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media.....	1871	Media.....	Fourth Monday.....	Alfred W. Appleton, Media
235	Occidental.....	1871	Warren.....	Second Monday.....	Harry F. Cogswell, Warren
236	Oil City.....	1871	Oil City.....	First Monday.....	Herbert C. Young, Oil City
237	Excelsior.....	1871	Reading.....	Third Tuesday.....	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport.....	1872	Newport.....	First Monday.....	Joshua S. Whitmore, Newport
239	Danville.....	1872	Danville.....	First Monday.....	Bruce A. McCracken, Danville
240	Palestine.....	1872	Philadelphia.....	Second Friday.....	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte.....	1872	Bellefonte.....	First Friday.....	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston.....	1873	Pittston.....	Second Thursday.....	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman.....	1873	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman.....	1873	Sharon.....	Second Friday.....	George H. Allen, Sharon
245	Abington.....	1873	Jenkintown.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run.....	1874	Watsonstown.....	Tuesday after full moon..	Earl W. Frick, Watsonstown
247	Orient.....	1874	Kittanning.....	Second Monday.....	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela.....	1874	Monongahela.....	Third Thursday.....	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Corinthian.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	Samuel Sigler, Philadelphia

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251	Signet.....	1874	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Friday.....	Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah.....	1875	Mahonoy City.....	Second Thursday.....	Edward F. Snyder, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold.....	1877	Port Allegany.....	Second Tuesday.....	George E. Lauer, Port Allegany
255	Bedford.....	1876	Bedford.....	Third Thursday.....	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University.....	1877	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch
257	Shiloh.....	1877	Pittsburgh.....	Third Monday.....	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester.....	1877	Chester.....	Second Tuesday.....	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden.....	1878	Clarion.....	Second Tuesday.....	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford.....	1880	Bradford.....	Third Thursday.....	James J. Matthews, Bradford
261	Troy.....	1882	Troy.....	Thurs. on or after full moon	Chas. N. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery.....	1882	Ardmore.....	Third Thursday.....	Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne
263	Coudersport.....	1882	Coudersport.....	First Wednesday.....	Harry W. Nelson, Coudersport
264	Shamokin.....	1883	Shamokin.....	Second Wednesday.....	Frank B. Fisler, Shamokin
265	Westfield.....	1883	Westfield.....	First Friday.....	Charles L. Gridley, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan.....	1886	Gettysburg.....	Third Thursday.....	Winfield S. Schroder, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville.....	1887	Coatesville.....	Third Thursday.....	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh.....	1888	Pittsburgh.....	Second Monday.....	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses.....	1888	Ulysses.....	Second Friday.....	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown.....	1889	Doylestown.....	Second Tuesday.....	Fred'k Constantine, Doylestown
271	Pottstown.....	1890	Pottstown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron.....	1890	Meyersdale.....	Second Monday.....	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler.....	1891	Butler.....	Third Tuesday.....	William H. Miller, Butler
274	Bangor.....	1891	Bangor.....	Third Wednesday.....	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett.....	1892	Kennett Square.....	First Tuesday.....	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna.....	1892	Susquehanna.....	Second Friday.....	Ira H. Spencer, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton.....	1893	Hazleton.....	Third Monday.....	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua.....	1894	Catasauqua.....	Second Monday.....	Ralph C. Boyer, Catasauqua
279	Kane.....	1895	Kane.....	Third Wednesday.....	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus.....	1898	Carnegie.....	Third Thursday.....	Jesse I. Penney, Ingram
281	Monroe.....	1898	Stroudsburg.....	Second Friday.....	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport.....	1899	McKeesport.....	Second Thursday.....	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville.....	1900	Connellsville.....	Third Tuesday.....	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville

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284	Melita.....	1903	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia.
285	Wilkinsburg.....	1904	Wilkinsburg.....	Second Friday.....	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue.....	1904	Bellevue.....	Second Friday.....	Howard W. Elverson, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke.....	1908	Nanticoke.....	First Monday.....	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh.....	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday.....	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley.....	1908	Wilmerding.....	Second Friday.....	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen.....	1908	Monessen.....	Second Tuesday.....	James B. White, Monessen
291	Ezra.....	1909	South Bethlehem..	First Friday.....	Frank P. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington.....	1909	Slatington.....	Third Monday.....	Peter N. Snyder, Slatington
293	Amity.....	1910	Athens.....	Second Friday.....	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius.....	1911	McDonald.....	Third Tuesday.....	Benjamin Frankle, McDonald
295	Siegfried.....	1913	Siegfried.....	Third Tuesday.....	George P. Stem, Northampton
296	Zebulun.....	1913	Blossburg.....	Second Wednesday.....	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood.....	1913	Pittsburgh.....	Second Thursday.....	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton.....	1914	Milton.....	Second Friday.....	Charles W. Mack, Bloomsburg
299	Bellefield.....	1915	Pittsburgh.....	Third Tuesday.....	Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh
300	Coraopolis.....	1915	Coraopolis.....	Third Monday.....	Howard C. Chambers, Coraopolis
301	Lansdale.....	1915	Lansdale.....	Third Monday.....	Leroy K. Tyson, Lansdale
302	Jordan.....	1916	Allentown.....	First Tuesday.....	Preston J. Everett, Allentown
303	Braddock's Field..	1917	Braddock.....	First Monday.....	John F. Gilmore, Braddock
304	Yorktown.....	1917	York.....	Second Thurs. after first Mon.	Harry K. Weiser, York
305	St. Claire.....	1920	Dormont.....	Third Monday.....	Archie C. Sohn, Dormont
306	Homestead.....	1920	Homestead.....	Second Thursday.....	Samuel L. Himes, Munhall

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214	Girard.....	1847	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior.....	1854	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia

STATISTICS

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1919.

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB
3	Jerusalem	175	1	18	2	7	920
21	Perseverance	111	2	6	506
43		45	..	8	1	3	412
52	Harmony	85	4	47	5	8	1,287
91	Columbia	228	5	14	1	..	1,115
150	Washington	19	1	6	1	4	333
152	Reading	18	6	4	1	3	240
159	Schuylkill	7	..	1	..	1	49
161	Union	22	..	4	..	11	213
162	Zerubbabel	116	12	15	40	56	1,211
163	La Fayette	24	2	10	2	1	194
164	Brownsville	27	..	1	2	..	213
165	Union	12	3	6	..	3	237
166	Mont Moriah	5	..	2	..	3	127
167	Eureka	66	1	2	..	2	281
169	Philadelphia	32	2	4	3	5	262
170	Delta	13	2	4	2	2	411
171	St. John's	10	2	4	..	2	147
172	Temple	12	..	2	..	..	131
173	Easton	42	2	3	1	2	404
174	Northumberland	31	3	6	..	..	207
175	Keystone	126	8	15	2	1	862
176	George Washington	13	3	2	..	..	162
177	Tamaqua	6	..	1	..	..	108
178	Catawissa	12	..	1	..	..	71
179	Eureka	27	..	9	..	4	223
180	Warren	13	..	2	..	..	58
181	Lilly	19	..	2	..	..	169
182	Shekinah	28	8	8	1	5	455
183	Oriental	178	12	31	4	13	1,512
185	Lackawanna	51	1	12	1	12	536
186	Lewistown	9	..	1	144
187	Oriental	5	..	1	1	..	114

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189	Mountain	42	1	5	2	..	480
190	Norristown	62	..	8	..	1	516
191	Solomon	17	1	1	169
192	Urania	25	..	4	1	11	435
193	Duquesne	26	1	25	18	2	962
194	Tioga	16	4	..	..	..	88
195	Portage	66	..	2	1	1	437
196	Mountain City	12	..	4	..	..	180
197	Weidle	26	..	2	..	..	234
198	Phoenix	12	1	2	..	1	281
199	Howell	34	1	5	..	..	304
200	Columbus	1	2	1	..	..	110
201	Standing Stone	5	1	2	..	1	123
202	Howell	14	1	4	1	..	209
203	Allen	154	2	9	..	..	604
204	Anthony Wayne	13	1	7	..	4	143
205	Factoryville	7	1	..	..	..	71
206	Harmony	20	1	1	2	..	272
207	Aaron	3	..	3	..	..	66
208	Germantown	51	3	12	1	3	445
209	Samuel C. Perkins	7	..	..	..	..	79
210	Great Bend	3	..	2	..	..	30
211	Venango	10	4	2	3	13	241
212	Mound	5	..	3	1	..	231
214	Valley	4	..	1	..	..	74
215	Temple	34	2	7	2	..	520
216	Zinzendorf	14	..	2	2	..	160
217	Allegheny	47	1	17	1	..	859
218	Bloomsburg	9	..	1	..	1	105
219	Griscom	8	..	2	..	1	136
220	Fort Washington	10	..	3	..	..	80
221	Tremont	4	..	2	..	..	75
222	Lycoming	49	1	9	..	2	580
223	Oxford	2	..	3	..	1	111
224	Corinthian	19	..	2	..	..	150
225	Jefferson	15	..	4	..	..	291
226	Siloam	89	1	6	4	3	474
227	Emporium	7	..	3	..	..	102
228	Clearfield	65	..	2	1	7	290
230	Elk	23	2	7	4	1	199
232	St. John	130	4	9	425
233	Kensington	73	5	16	1	2	610

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234	Media	10	..	3	2	..	172
235	Occidental	9	..	4	208
236	Oil City	14	..	1	1	8	246
237	Excelsior	15	5	11	2	..	462
238	Newport	6	..	2	..	..	90
239	Danville	10	1	1	..	..	99
240	Palestine	70	5	13	5	6	718
241	Bellefonte	6	..	..	..	1	96
242	Pittston	35	..	4	..	1	247
243	T. B. Freeman	104	5	26	..	3	902
244	Norman	34	1	2	..	1	321
245	Abington	13	..	3	..	5	156
246	Warrior Run	7	..	1	..	..	140
247	Orient	26	..	1	..	..	270
248	Temple	25	1	6	4	..	353
249	Monongahela	10	1	6	1	3	283
250	Corinthian	36	2	10	2	3	376
251	Signet	64	..	8	1	4	335
252	Mizpah	1	..	1	..	..	106
254	Arnold	6	..	2	..	1	47
255	Bedford	5	..	..	1	1	98
256	University	240	9	17	7	3	2,087
257	Shiloh	42	..	8	8	..	641
258	Chester	12	1	2	2	2	435
259	Eden	7	1	4	1	1	191
260	Bradford	17	4	5	2	2	266
261	Troy	16	..	2	..	1	102
262	Montgomery	67	4	1	..	..	317
263	Coudersport	3	..	3	1	1	75
264	Shamokin	19	1	..	..	..	184
265	Westfield	5	..	..	..	..	51
266	Good Samaritan	27	..	1	..	..	174
267	Coatesville	52	1	7	1	1	271
268	Pittsburgh	26	..	9	6	2	622
269	Ulysses	1	..	..	..	..	52
270	Doylestown	7	..	3	1	..	155
271	Pottstown	30	..	6	1	2	260
272	Hebron	1	..	..	..	..	112
273	Butler	19	2	6	1	3	310
274	Bangor	12	..	2	120
275	Kennett	6	..	2	2	..	99
276	Susquehanna	17	2	1	1	..	81
277	Hazleton	24	..	4	238

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278	Catasauqua	13	1	145
279	Kane	8	..	1	105
280	Cyrus	39	1	3	16	6	464
281	Monroe	15	..	1	1	4	137
282	McKeesport	81	..	3	5	4	738
283	Connellsville	19	..	3	1	..	191
284	Melita	71	2	11	4	26	832
285	Wilkinsburg	30	7	3	6	1	399
286	Bellevue	47	..	5	..	1	374
287	Nanticoke	...	..	1	..	2	30
288	Mizpeh	20	3	4	1	..	263
289	Valley	9	..	2	..	..	199
290	Monessen	10	1	5	2	1	240
291	Ezra	13	1	..	..	1	151
292	Slatington	14	..	2	..	..	89
293	Amity	28	..	2	..	..	154
294	Darius	16	..	1	..	..	129
295	Siegfried	20	..	1	..	..	128
296	Zebulun	7	..	..	..	..	49
297	Homewood	41	1	..	..	..	255
298	Milton	14	..	2	..	..	119
299	Bellefield	46	1	2	12	..	215
300	Coraopolis	18	..	1	..	..	116
301	Lansdale	25	2	2	101
302	Jordan	62	..	2	243
303	Braddock's Field	29	..	1	5	..	104
304	Yorktown	111	2	1	246
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